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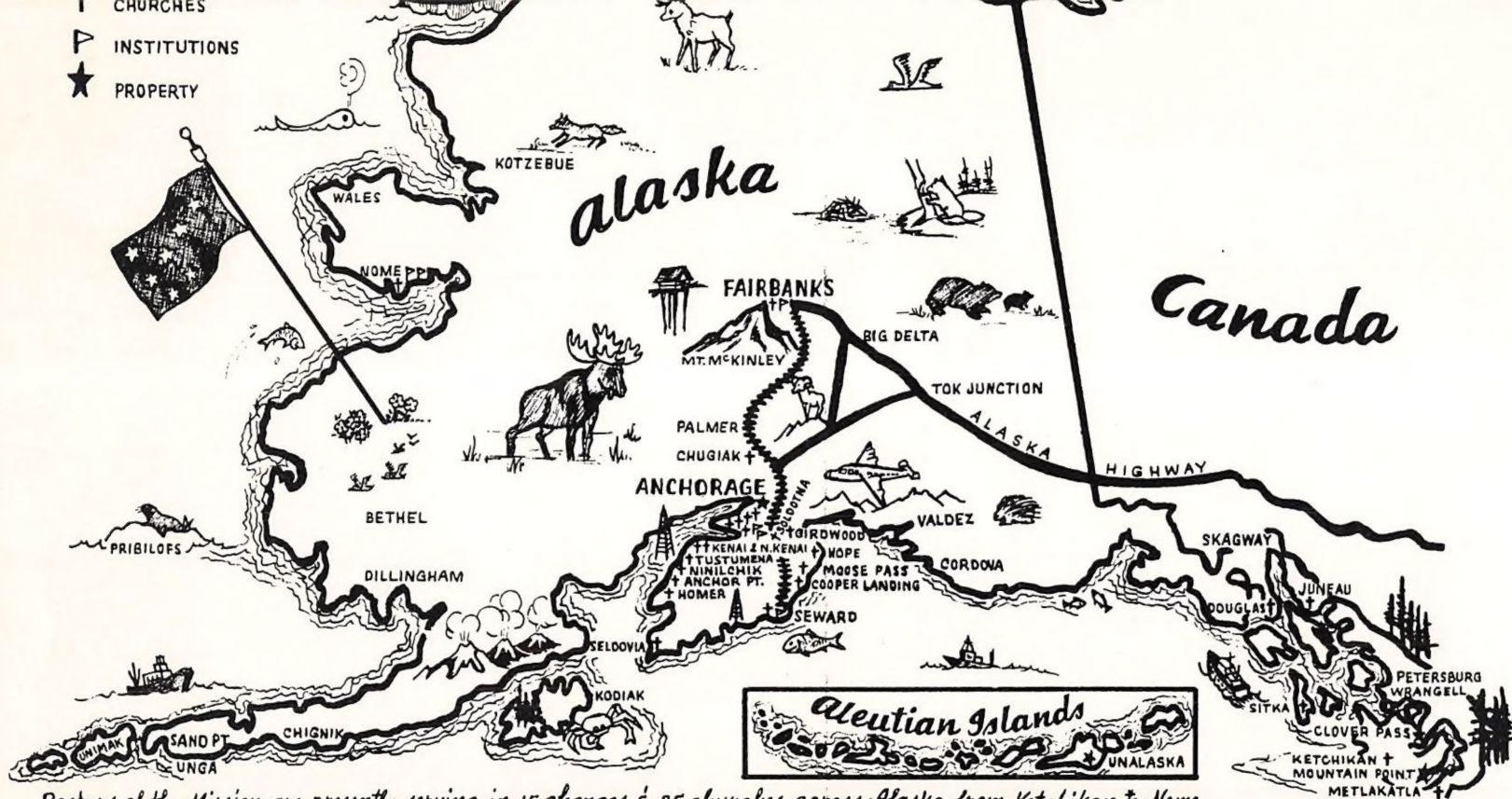
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**BISHOP A. RAYMOND GRANT**





## IN MEMORY OF BISHOP A. RAYMOND GRANT

### **The Portland Area The Methodist Church**

**August 24, 1897**

**August 15, 1967**

Born in Oshkosh, Wis., Bishop Grant graduated from Cornell College, Mount Vernon, Iowa, and Boston University. His honorary degrees were bestowed by Cornell College, College of Puget Sound, Boston University, College of Idaho, and Alaska Methodist University.

He served churches in Mason City, Iowa; Nashua Iowa; Vinton, Iowa; Simpson Church, Minneapolis, Minn.; First Methodist Church, Duluth, Minn.; First Methodist Church, Sacramento, Calif.

He was elected a bishop of The Methodist Church at the Jurisdictional Conference in Santa Barbara, Calif., July 11, 1952, and assigned to the Portland Area.

He was a delegate to General and jurisdictional conferences of The Methodist Church in 1944, 1948, 1952; the World Council of Churches, Amsterdam, 1948; and Oxford Conference, 1951.

President of the General Board of Christian Social Concerns during this quadrennium, he was also a member of the Coordinating Council and the Commission on Camp Activities.

He was a trustee of Willamette University, Willamette View Manor, University of Puget Sound (1952 to 1960), and chairman of the board, Alaska Methodist University (1952 to 1967).

Memorial services were held, August 18, 1967, in First Church, Portland, and First Church, Sacramento. Participating were Bishop Richard C. Raines, Dr. Frederick McGinnis, Dr. Raymond E. Balcomb, Lauren B. Sykes, Bishop R. Marvin Stuart, Bishop Donald H. Tippet, Dr. Robert A. Panzer, and Ethel Sleeper Brett.

A memorial service was held in First Church, Anchorage, Alaska, on August 20, with Dr. Meredith A. Groves and Dr. McGinnis in charge.

### **OUR SUPERINTENDENT PAYS TRIBUTE TO A LEADER**

**Meredith A. Groves**

Our leader, Bishop A. Raymond Grant, had a great concern for the work of the churches in the Alaska Mission and led them from victory to victory.

First Church was the only Methodist church in Anchorage when he came in 1952. Anchor Park, Turnagain, St. John, East Anchorage, and Chugiak in the Anchorage area; Fairbanks, Homer, Kenai, North Kenai, and Sitka have all been developed under his leadership.

In 1966-67, the churches of Alaska gave four times as much for their self-support and programs as the combined giving of the churches and National Division for that work in 1952.

In 1952 value of churches and parsonages in Alaska were about \$400,000. Today these are valued at \$4.5 million. This is in addition to

the developments at Alaska Methodist University, Jesse Lee Home, and our other institutions. He took a personal interest in recruiting able ministers and missionaries. These men have made possible the development of the churches and also have helped the church to have an informed and keen interest in social, economic, and political issues which, I believe, has had a most wholesome effect in helping build stable communities and government in our new and growing state. He dreamed large dreams and gave himself in a large way to Alaska. The fruits of his labors are seen in happier and better lives of thousands of God's children in Alaska.

It has been my privilege to work closely with him during the past 14 years: six years as district superintendent in Oregon, five years as executive secretary of the Coordinating Council of the Oregon Conference, where we conferred almost daily, and three years as superintendent of the Alaska Mission.

He has been called Alaska's "Great Friend". He was. He was my dear friend. He was the friend of every minister and congregation and many beyond these. He knew the needs, problems, the possibilities and challenges facing each man and situation as few can know them. His concern that each give highest allegiance to the best within him and to the highest calling of our Lord.

He was a prophet, pastor, educator, administrator, but most of all, a friend, especially to the needy and dispossessed. On Friday, August 18, 1967, as I write these words. I have a great lonesome feeling, a great empty space is against the sky. But I have a joy to have shared these rich years with him. I am thrilled to have a part in seeking to continue working for his dreams for our Alaska, for our Portland Area, for our church, and for our world.

## **A TRIBUTE: BISHOP A. RAYMOND GRANT**

**By Dr. Fred McGinnis, President  
Alaska Methodist University  
Anchorage, Alaska**

No one can tell his full story. So distinctive, so much his own it was. One grasps desperately for some perspective, some standard of measurement but finds the efforts vain. The bond between his intentions and his actions was so substantial that he was led constantly to inextricable involvements to lift ailing humanity to higher levels of fulfillment. His willingness to be baptized into the world's problems mirrored his convictions concerning Jesus Christ, the Church's faith, New Testament commitment, the disciplined life.

His faith and life were open-ended. He was never imprisoned by orthodoxy. His gospel combined the well-known and obvious and the yet-to-be known mysteries. He proclaimed the christian faith's paradox: personal power in the presence of apparent weakness, with a beauty and consistency rarely achieved in our time. His gospel was relevant. His preaching touched down with lightning precision.

"He took the suffering human race;  
He read each wound, each weakness clear;  
He put his finger on the place  
And said: "Thou ailest here, and here, and here."

Love, in his life, had a strange and marvelous duality about it. It was at one and the same time a mission, a goal yet to be reached, and a personal possession fully achieved and freely shared. It was never stereotyped and never artificial. It had about it the breath of life. Love, for him, was not blind. It recognized viciousness, hypocrisy, selfishness, and unworthy exploitation, yet that love ever sought to transform, to help overcome weakness in men, to the point of self-sacrifice — the mark of absolute love.

He had many gifts and used them all for others. Among the choicest gift was his unadvertised intention of seeking the good of others. With compassion and determination he followed this inward guide and light through difficult years, through trying experiences, with or without human praise, with or without popular acceptance, through glad hours of sunlit mornings and dark hours of midnight struggle.

Persons for him were paramount, were central, everlastingly mattered. Whatever bruised persons hurt him. Whatever liberated and lifted persons cheered him. He knew so very well that many lives are beset by transgression, tragedy, human failure and weakness. With his naked hands he took hold of these realities and with tenderness, optimism and hope helped put stars back into the skies for those who turned so often to him for help. His ministry resounded with the living promise of the hymn-writer:

“Down in the human heart, crushed by the tempter  
Feelings lie buried that grace can restore;  
Touched by a loving heart, awakened by kindness;  
Chords that were broken can vibrate once more.”

Today there are countless individuals who stand humbly and gratefully in his debt. Through him they discovered that life can vibrate with christian purpose, with passion and with promise.

His loyalty to the church, its institutions and programs was among the deepest loyalties of his life. That loyalty possessed him. Virtually every waking hour of all his years, and throughout a ministry of almost 50 years, he gave attention to the needs, privileges, problems, and rich possibilities of the church. When the church was triumphant he was thrilled and overjoyed. When the church was weak or defeated or suffered from blind spots he was grieved and with tenderness he isolated and defined the ailments. Through all these experiences he loved the church.

At the time of his consecration as a bishop, the prayer was used: “Enable with perpetual light, the dullness of our blinded sight.” Within his life there was an answer to this prayer. For out of his life and thought there were shafts of perpetual light directed to the otherwise blind areas of faith and practice. Especially was this operative in the realm of social application of the christian faith.

His voice and spirit were ever clarion calls to social justice. There was the fire of the prophet burning within his soul. He was not content to let the status quo dictate standards.

He saw our world for what it might become, not only for what it is. The difference was the measure of his concern and an important content of his message. For him, contemporary problems demanded contemporary solutions:

War, racial struggles for human dignity, unbridled population explosion, secularism, an unjust economic order wherein lives side by side flaunted wealth and abject poverty, extinction

weapons and any other condition which robs man of his spiritual, human, social birthright.

Unless Christians could come to open, creative encounters with these powerful realities he feared an inglorious irrelevance would possess us and human beings would be forced to look in other directions for decisive and constructive action. His faith and conviction were that the church could meet these challenges if it only would.

The heavy claims, then, of christian discipleship for him were both intensely personal and demandingly social. For him, society was made up of distinct individuals, never, never, a great unconscious mass. And here the heavier burden descended upon him. For each individual there was not only a unique past but present delights, sorrows, pains, ambitions, prides, joys and infinite capacities for the good life. This was the basis of the dignity and worth of the individual. In his vision for each man he recognized both the cornerstone of democracy and the foundation of a christian world order.

He had a fierce love for and commitment to his country. He loved deeply the United States of America and the best for which it stands. His citizenship was founded on the bedrock conviction that each man must be a participant in the social and political processes if he is to remain worthy of his national birthright. Yet, no narrow nationalism blinded his dreams for a world community based on brotherhood and justice. He saw with great clarity that dissent must have a place of honor if freedom is to survive and that only when dissent is a genuine option can an issue be seen in its fullness.

His consecration to the christian ideal was total. His greatest disappointment was that christian practices have not often enough penetrated politics, economics, racial, and international relations. He longed for the day when men and nations would be wise enough to match their economic and political power with the power of the spirit. He knew and told us over and over again that such power of the spirit could come only through a great and deep faith issuing finally in the prayer:

"O Lord, make me an instrument of Thy purpose."

He saw within this serious prayer, if answered, danger, pain, and promise. Yet in that answered prayer there would be available to each one:

meaning without which we cannot long endure;  
dignity and worth to be used in the larger stewardship;  
purpose with its resultant power for dedicated use;  
boisterous joy within us to accompany us on our  
journey even through pain, loss, hardship, and death.

He believed that this world is God's world and that we all are under the care of One who made the world in love. But his faith exceeded even this. He reasoned that life here and now is only a beginning of an everlasting life in which we have a chance to grow in harmony with God's purpose.

For us: I am sure that he would wish not lives tossed about by impersonal, aimless forces but that his great dreams might also be our dreams. He would wish for us dedication to match present demands of worthy christian discipleship and the courage to pursue those dreams and to make vital that dedication.

For him: We now seek some adequate word or phrase to gather our feelings and to express our mutual love and devotion and yet our faith. All words in this hour are sterile but these we offer to him:

"Servant of God, and servant of man, well done;  
Thy glorious warfare's past;  
The battle's fought, the race is won;  
And thou are crowned at last."

Prayer by Dr. Fred McGinnis following the spoken words of tribute:

Our Father, teach us how to live, how to love, how to share, how to apply the inspiration we have gained from a life so fully lived until it spilled over into our lives.

For all he taught us by his example we give thee grateful praise.

Fire within us anew the noble purposes which claimed him. Grant us the courage to live in our day under a sense of deeper responsibility and commitment to life and to thy tasks for us.

Show us the meaning of banners under which we march; causes which demand *our* best; trumpet blasts calling *us* to *our* battles, and quiet confidences through which *we* may gain our strength.

Save us from our fears, timidity, weakness, blindness and all evil which may keep us from thee and thy purposes for us. O Lord, make us instruments of thy purpose.

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### BENEDICTION

O may Thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold,  
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,  
And win with them the victor's crown of gold.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.

For All The Saints Who From Their Labors Rest  
Third Stanza.

## MEMORIAL SERVICE BISHOP A. RAYMOND GRANT

by Bishop Richard C. Raines

August 18, 1967

No one who met Bishop Grant could forget him. When he joined a group it was not as if another stone had been dropped into the social basket, but rather as if a new catalytic element had been added which changed the nature of the gathering. One might agree or disagree with him, but it would always be clear where he stood and would stand amid whatever variety of opinion might result.

This was true when as a young man he came to Cornell College and we roomed together. Already he was a focused, fast-moving personality, magnificently committed to the Methodist ministry, remarkably resourceful in his ability to earn his way through College and Theological Seminary.

Though frequent attractive offers for a career in business were made to him, he swerved not an inch from his path of duty. He knew himself called and he was completely committed.

Bishop Grant was tenderly warm hearted, fiercely loyal, utterly independent in his thinking, blessed and handicapped by a lightning gift of brilliant repartee and an unfailing flashing sense of humor, touched with irony. He

was quick to identify with the exploited, the little man, and equally quick to act on the needy's behalf, and to challenge others to join in the struggle. He was always carrying a banner for a worthy cause.

Bishop Grant had a unique gift for becoming a friend of people of all kinds, for understanding their problems and needs and communicating his concern and winning their respect and affection. He was at home in any company, unimpressed by status or wealth, but drawn by sincerity, enthusiasm, courage. He was capable of zestful light-hearted banter, but tended to go to the deeper levels of ultimate meanings and values.

Thus he became a remarkably effective pastor and counselor, a creator of adventurous programs for serving human kind in and through the Church. Add to this his open window of reverence toward heaven and his concern for the "least of these" on earth, and an unusual gift in dramatic, persuasive and moving speech, and one can understand why he was so exciting and challenging a preacher.

Elected by his peers to serve in the honored task of the Episcopacy, he naturally came to be a leader in the field of Christian Social Concerns and served with great effectiveness as President of this strategic Board of the Methodist Church. His loyal and spontaneous support was especially appreciated by the Staff of the Board.

In the midst of rapid social change and the usual identification of the Church with the conservative or even reactionary point of view, he was like a prophet of old, speaking the word of the Lord fearlessly, to awaken the slumbering conscience of the Church he loved so dearly. He was like a strong oak with deep roots, no wind of opposition or controversy could uproot his loyalty to or support of those persons and movements calling the Church to face present realities however unpleasant and to act with realistic courage.

He was never on the defensive, but always moving forward, not making excuses to the objectors, but seeking to open their eyes and to marshal their resources for appropriate action. He was ever seeking to take the Church and its great influence out into the world where Christ is ever serving and suffering for and with mankind.

But his concern for nation-wide movements did not mean the neglect of the Annual Conferences or the ministers and their families under his appointment. A Supply Pastor, knowing I was to be here to participate in the service today, wrote "May I pour all my feelings into one phrase: I love that man. His tender concern for his men, his constant interest in their welfare and advancement; his willingness to go 'all out', to lend a hand in a moment of adversity or trouble, all spell out the one dominant feature which will ever live with me; he lived the life of a true servant of God, and in leaving us creates a void which no one will ever be able to fill."

Bishop Grant's self-giving and creative labors on behalf of the Kingdom in Alaska will grow in the estimate of the Church as time makes possible truer perspective. I believe that there would be no Alaska Methodist University but for him. Its birth and its continued life and growth were to him life and death matters. Equally so was the Alaska Mission. He selected carefully the ministers who would serve in Alaska. The ministers and laymen there respect and love him in a unique way, for they know that he spared himself nothing in the endeavor to encourage and inspire them through his faith, fellowship and appreciation.

Bishop Grant's influence extended far beyond the bounds of Methodists



and Methodist Institutions. When the disastrous earthquake wrought destruction Bishop Grant led in the appeal for Alaska which made available more than a million dollars for relief and rebuilding.

Bishop Grant cherished his family with unlimited and outpouring love and joy in fellowship. His loyal care for his parents and his tenderly cherished sister were born of a warm and a great heart. His life companion and his daughter and her family were at the center of his life.

Scanning the Old and New Testaments, one is impressed by how much my life-long and dear friend and St. Paul have in common. Both had clear-cut conversion experiences; each never doubted his call nor swerved from complete commitment as he understood it. Each had a unique combination of qualities not normally united in one person. Both had amazing capacity for friendship, for loyalty to the truth and disturbingly frank speech in defense of it, in private and in public utterance. In both tender affection was closely allied with controversial bluntness. St. Paul said "For me to live is Christ". He also rebuked Peter publicly and to his face. Both were given a thorn in the flesh and God removed it from neither, but said in answer to prayer "My Grace will be sufficient", that is, "I will give you the strength to bear it".

Bishop Grant wrestled with uncertain health in the recent years, but gave way to it not for one moment. He maintained his joyous spirit and enthusiasm, his out-going concern for the Kingdom and for persons. He fought the good fight, he kept the faith. Or as he would have put it, "He fought in the good fight and the faith kept him". It kept him courageous and triumphant. Never was Bishop Grant more gallant or inspiring as an example than in the heroic way he faced and dealt with his last illness.

William Wordsworth's "Happy Warrior" is one of the poems which has always spoken to the depths of my heart. I would take selected lines from it to express my deep appreciation of Bishop Grant on behalf of the Council of Bishops because I believe it describes in part his character. The poem begins

"Who is the Happy Warrior? Who is he

That every man in arms should wish to be?"

Then it continues,

"Whose high endeavors are an inward light

That makes the path before him always bright:"

Bishop Grant had this source of inner illumination.

"Who doomed to go in company with pain,

And fear, and bloodshed, miserable train;

Turns his necessity to glorious gain:

In face of these doth exercise a power

Which is our human nature's highest dower;

Controls them and subdues, transmutes, bereaves

Of their bad influence, and their good receives;"

With what skill and courage Bishop Grant did this, especially during his last illness.

"Who comprehends his trust and to the same

Keeps faithful with a singleness of aim:

And therefore does not stoop, nor lie in wait

For wealth, or honors, or for worldly state;

Whom they must follow: on whose head must fall,

Like showers of manna, if they come at all:

Who not content that former worth stand fast,  
Looks forward, perservering to the last,  
From well to better, daily self-surpast:"

Bishop Grant only a month ago was conversing with me about books he had finished reading which I had not as yet begun.

"Who, whether praise of him must walk the earth  
Forever, and to noble deeds give birth,  
Or, he must fall to sleep without his fame,  
And to leave a dead unprofitable name  
Finds comfort in himself and his cause:  
And while the mortal mist is gathering, draws  
His breath in confidence of heaven's applause:  
This is the Happy Warrior; this is he  
Whom every man in arms should wish to be."

And this Bishop A. Raymond Grant, our dear one, beloved friend colleague and leader became so completely that we shall ever thank God for him and for comradeship with him.



**Miss Ruth Peterson, Mrs. A. Raymond Grant, David K. Fison**

## DAILY PROCEEDINGS

Monday, May 27, 1968

Following the Sacrament of Holy Communion and the Memorial Services led by Bishop Glenn R. Phillips, Dr. Meredith A. Groves, Dr. Fred McGinnis, Leo C. Cramer and John J. Shaffer, the Business Session was opened at 3:25 p.m. Bishop Phillips had spoken on "Memory and Renewal" in the meditation. Bishop Phillips noted that this was the First Annual Meeting under the United Methodist Church Banner.

Meredith Groves moved that the entire center section be established as the bar of the conference. Seconded and carried.

Meredith Groves moved adoption of the official program as printed to be the agenda, except with changing Alaska Council of Churches and the Minimum Pastoral Support to be at 1:30 p.m. and 11:00 a.m. Tuesday. William Staats requested 11:30 a.m. Wednesday for World Service and Finance. Mrs. Charles Wilson requested that Woman's Society of Christian Service exchange with Board of Missions. Seconded and carried with these changes.

Meredith Groves moved that the Annual Meeting send greetings to Benjamin Laird and family at 24 Church St., Calais, Maine 04619. Seconded and carried.

Roll call was taken by the Secretary,

Lay members present were introduced by Roland Stanton.

Meredith Groves introduced Robert Bowers as a new member of the Annual Meeting.

Dr. Harry Komuro presented Rafael and Esther Boissen. Dr. Boissen, District Superintendent of the West District of Provisional Annual Conference of Puerto Rico, brought greetings to the Annual Meeting.

Rev. William and Verlene Stevens were also presented. He is a ministerial member of the Southern California-Arizona Conference.

Dr. Robert Nelson moved the following Proposals:

"That the first Annual Meeting of the Alaska Mission of the United Methodist Church designate the elected delegates to the Alaska Council of Churches as the Commission on Ecumenical Affairs. Its responsibility will be to give leadership in the immediate as well as long-range planning of ecumenical ventures of the mission; to work towards the elimination of duplication among the various denominational bodies in Alaska; to consult with comparable designated agencies of other denominational bodies in Alaska to seek wherein we can together better serve our One Lord.

That the commission elect a Chairman to serve on the Coordinating Council of the Alaska Mission.

That the First Annual Meeting of the Alaska Mission of the United Methodist Church recognize the designation of an Ecumenical Charge where the Alaska Mission is cooperating together with other denominations to serve a uniting congregation.

That such an Ecumenical Charge have the right to elect and send one Ecumenical Lay Delegate and one Ecumenical Clergy Delegate to the Annual Meeting of the Alaska Mission.

That the Commission on Ecumenical Affairs study and report to the second Annual Meeting of the Alaska Mission of the United Methodist Church

and equitable share in the responsibility of the Alaska Mission to be carried by such an Ecumenical Charge.

That the Ecumenical Delegates have full rights in the Annual Meeting of the Alaska Mission.

That Rev. Dale Sarles, Episcopal priest serving the Church of the Epiphany, Valdez, Alaska, be seated as an Ecumenical Clergy Delegate for the 1968-1969 year."

Leo C. Cramer moved that the above motion by Dr. Nelson be mimeographed and placed in the hands of the delegates before voting. Seconded and carried.

Introduction of Mrs. A. Raymond Grant and Mrs. Glenn Phillips.

Meredith Groves moved that a note of sympathy be sent to the widow of Bishop Newell Booth. Seconded and carried.

John J. Shaffer moved the appointment of a Committee on Courtesies composed of himself, Dr. McGinnis, Dr. Groves and Rachael Jones. Seconded and carried.

Secretary of the Alaska Mission named Eugene Walters and Robert Bowers as his assistants.

Meredith Groves presented the report of the Nominating Committee for consideration. Several nominations were made from the floor.

Meredith Groves requested that the Rules Committee not make a report this year.

Harold Springer presented the Statisticians Report and moved its adoption. Seconded and carried.

Rachel Jones, president of Minister's Wives, presented rose corsages to Mrs. Phillips, Mrs. Grant and Mrs. Esther Groves. Corsages were also presented to Miss Ruth Petersen and Mrs. Boissen for the evening banquet.

Mrs. Marybeth Sturgis, Alaska Mission bookkeeper, presented the Treasurer's Report. Meredith Groves moved the adoption of this resolution: "We express appreciation to Gene Morgan for his work as Mission treasurer. We are sorry that ill health made it necessary for him to go 'outside' for medical treatment. We pray that his recovery may be very soon," and that the message be sent to Gene Morgan and his family.

The Treasurer's report was completed and adopted on motion by Dr. Groves.

John J. Shaffer moved that the Coordinating Council make a study of the future relationships of the Alaska Mission within the Western Jurisdiction and report back to the Annual Meeting before final adjournment. Seconded and carried.

Mr. J. E. Bain of the Methodist Publishing House was given the privilege of the floor to present a report. He indicated that \$800 000 had been given to the church for the Pension Fund this past year. \$166.37 was also given to the Alaska Mission through the Board of Pensions, an increase over previous year. He recommended the following books: "Pusher & Puller" by Dr. Carother; "Seven Worlds of the Minister" by Bishop Kennedy; "When God Comes Alive" by Bishop Lance Webb; and "Secular Congregation" by Robert Raines.

David Fison presented the report of the Board of Evangelism. The film-strip "Point of Contact" was shared with the Annual Meeting. Mr. Fison moved the adoption of the first eight items of the report in regard to exchanges between parishes. Seconded and carried. David Fison moved the adoption

of the second resolution in regard to the 1968 missionaries. Seconded and carried. David Fison moved the adoption of the first resolution regarding the 1970 Program of Evangelism. Seconded and carried. David Fison then moved adoption of the entire report. Seconded and carried.

The proposal of Robert Nelson on the Ecumenical Charge and Commission on Ecumenical Affairs was brought back to the floor for consideration. Dr. Nelson moved for adoption of all the proposals. Seconded. John Tindell amended the motion to accept only the first part dealing with Commission on Ecumenical Affairs and the last part seating Rev. Dale Sarles, thereby eliminating the middle section which recognized the Ecumenical Charge and the Ecumenical Delegates. Seconded. John J. Shaffer amended the motion to change "full rights" to "speaking privileges." Seconded. The second amendment was defeated. Then the first amendment by Tindell was defeated. The main motion was carried.

David Fison then moved that we list the statistical record of the Church of the Epiphany in Valdez and note it as an "Ecumenical Charge". Seconded and carried.

David Fison moved that pastor's wives be listed in journal as appointments. Seconded. Grace Wilson moved to amend that deaconesses have voting privileges. Seconded. John J. Shaffer moved to refer the entire matter to the Rules Committee. Seconded and carried.

Bishop Glenn R. Phillips then read the appointments for 1968-1969. (See List.)

Meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Annual Meeting banquet was held at 7:00 p.m. with William Staats presiding. An address was given by Bishop Roy H. Short which was delightful to all those present.



**Bishop Roy H. Short**

## SECOND DAY — Tuesday, May 28, 1968

At 9:00 a.m. Bishop Phillips opened the Business Session and asked Dr. Harry S. Komuro, Executive Secretary of Missions and Provisional Conference, to give an address. Following his address several persons raised question in regard to the Aleutian ministry.

Dr. Groves moved that the administration of the Alaska mission enter into discussion with the Alaska Council of Churches toward a cooperative ministry to the Alaska Peninsula and the Aleutian Islands. Seconded. David Fison moved to refer the matter to the Coordinating Council. Seconded and carried.

Introduction of Lt. Col. Gilliam of Elmendorf Air Force Base and a ministerial member of the Louisville Conference. Introduction of James Watts, Lay Member, and Tom Howell, Reserve Lay Member, of Seward. Introduction of Bishop Roy Hunter Short of the Louisville Area, who is preaching at our evening services.

Roland Stanton requested that all the reports prepared last fall on the Aleutian Chain be mimeographed for distribution.

The Business Session was in recess from 10:30 to 11:00 a.m.

Dr. Harry Komuro brought special greetings from David Blackburn, former mission superintendent and now a director of the Advance for the United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Charles Wilson (Grace) presented the Woman's Society of Christian Service Report. Tom Dahl moved its adoption. Seconded and carried.

Don Keil presented the report of Minimum Pastoral Support Committee. William Staats moved that we recommend to the National Division that the base salary for ministers be raised from \$4800 to \$5200. Seconded and carried.

Concurrent Differential Change was presented: Anchorage from 40% to 30%; Southeastern from 25% to 30%; Kenai 35%; Fairbanks 40% and Nome 60%. Motion to adopt was made by William Staats. Seconded. Howard DeVore moved to amend to increase Anchorage to 35%. Amendment was seconded and failed. Main motion carried.

Introduction of David Carmen, pastor of First Congregational Church in Anchorage, by Dr. Meredith Groves.

Meredith Groves presented the report of Church Building and Location Committee. He moved its adoption. Seconded and carried.

Max Cramer presented the Hospital Insurance Committee Report and moved its adoption. Seconded and carried.

Soldotna's new church certificate for Soldat Kriste was presented by Bishop Phillips to Mrs. Marian Kempf, Lay Delegate from the Kenai Parish.

Bishop Phillips was asked to make a ruling in regard to the Rules of the Annual Meeting and the voting privileges on the part of the wives. He ruled that "the Mission is composed of regularly appointed missionaries, lay and clerical mission traveling preachers, other lay members by special action of the mission. Voting members are: under the rules, II, A, 2. Clearly — Elected lay members and ministers on appointment list but, not clearly — the wives of appointed ministers; however, this mission may vote to include such by its own action or may vote to exclude. Therefore, the appropriate action now before the annual meeting should be a motion either to include or exclude ministers wives as voting members and only the *ministers* on the Alaska appointment list and the elected lay delegates should vote on the matter. If



the action taken is to exclude the ministers wives from voting, then the motions passed this morning may be reconsidered upon specific request of a member."

Roland Stanton moved inclusion of minister's wives and deaconesses in voting membership in the Mission meeting. Seconded. Bishop Phillips ruled that it was an amendment to the Rules and must have two-thirds vote to carry. After discussion, Robert Bowers moved the previous question. Motion was defeated 14 for and 22 against.

John Shaffer moved to reconsider the proposal of Robert Nelson in regard to Ecumenical Delegates to the Annual Meeting. Seconded and carried.

John J. Shaffer moved adoption of previous proposal with the amendment striking the words "have full rights" to read "be given the privilege of the floor without vote." Seconded. Robert Nelson moved that the proposal be referred to Rules Committee and report back. Seconded and was defeated. Shaffer's Amendment carried 16 to 15.

Dr. Groves moved postponement of the vote on motion until 1:30 p.m. and special privilege be given to the Alaska Council of Churches and to the ecumenical visitors; Bishop Gordon, Dr. Ed Wright and John Moletti. Seconded and carried.

Business Session was adjourned at noon for lunch.

#### **Afternoon Session, 1:30 p.m.**

Special order of the day was the Alaska Council of Churches report given by President Walter L. Hays, Jr. He presented Rt. Rev. William Gordon, Bishop of Episcopal Mission District of Alaska; Dr. John Moletti, Field Representative of the American Baptist Church in Alaska and Administrator of the Baptist Anchorage Christian Children's Home; and Dr. Edward Wright, pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Anchorage and Moderator for the Presbytery of the Yukon.

After these persons greeted the Annual Meeting, Walter Hays moved adoption of his report. Seconded and carried.

Consideration of previous motion on Ecumenical Delegate, etc. carried 29 to 0. Bishop Phillips requested a round of applause for that action.

John Tindell moved that the Annual Meeting recommend to the conference rules committee that a rule be established as follows: Any matter of business coming to the Annual Meeting, other than from an authorized conference board, commission or committee, shall be heard by the conference only upon a two-thirds vote of this conference. Seconded and carried. (18 for, 12 against)

Eugene Walters, chairman of the Board of Education, presented the report.

Introduction of Paul Turley, pastor of the American Baptist Church in Anchorage.

Dr. Fred McGinnis presented a report for Alaska Methodist University. Eugene Walters moved its adoption. Seconded and carried.

Walter Hays and Donald Hartman made a presentation on the new Youth Curriculum.

Methodist Student Movement Report was presented and Walter Hays moved its adoption. Seconded and carried.

Walter Hays presented the Executive Secretary Report. Eugene Walters moved its adoption. Seconded and carried.

Business Session in recess from 3:30 to 4:00 p.m.

Presentation to the Annual Meeting of MYFund/World Mission Team members Jacque Wing of Anchor Park Methodist Church and Joel DeVore of St. John Methodist Church by Walter Hays.

Leo C. Cramer presented the Camp Committee report for Western Alaska. Eugene Walters moved its acceptance. Seconded and carried.

Charles Wilson presented the Camp Committee Report for Southeastern. Eugene Walters moved its adoption. Seconded and carried.

Eugene Walters moved to adoption of this resolution: "Recommended to the Mission Conference to establish a North Central Camp Committee with the same powers as the existing committees and that it be composed of the membership of the previous temporary committee." Seconded and carried.

Eugene Groves presented the Wesley Foundation report and moved its adoption. Seconded and carried.

Eugene Walters moved that The Board of Education of the Alaska Mission recommends that the Alaska Mission cooperate fully in the establishment of an ecumenical campus ministry at the University of Alaska. and that the existing Board of Directors of the Wesley Foundation be charged with the responsibility for implementation. Seconded and carried.

Eugene Walters moved the adoption of the Board of Education budget. Seconded and carried.

Eugene Walters moved the adoption of the total Board of Education report. Seconded and carried.

Board of Pensions report was given by Dr. Robert Nelson. James Thompson moved inclusion of added recommendations No. 9 and No. 10 in total report. Seconded and carried. Robert Nelson moved adoption of total report. Seconded and carried.

Charles Horner requested special privilege to present a proposal on Aleutian chain ministry. Motion to adopt the proposal was made by Charles Horner and seconded. John J. Shaffer moved to table the proposal. This was seconded and defeated. Dr. Fred McGinnis moved to refer the proposal to the cabinet for deliberation. This motion was seconded and carried 26 to 3 for referral.

Business meeting was adjourned with prayer by Rev. Dale Sarles, Ecumenical Clergy Delegate from Church of the Epiphany in Valdez. (5:15 p.m.)

Evening Worship was led by L. Eugene Groves with music provided by Anchor Park Choirs. Bishop Roy H. Short gave an address on General Conference.

Dr. and Mrs. McGinnis then had an open house in honor of Dr. and Mrs. P. Gordon Gould.

### **THIRD DAY — Wednesday, May 29, 1968**

Bishop Phillips called the Annual Meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Meredith Groves presented the report of the Nominating Committee for final approval, which included nomination of Benjamin C. Lally as treasurer. Additional nominations were made from the floor. Meredith Groves also presented the name of Charles Horner as Missionary Secretary for the Alaska Mission. Barbara Shaffer was nominated from the floor. In a separate vote, Barbara Shaffer was elected Missionary Secretary 13 to 11. Meredith Groves then moved acceptance of the Nominating Committee report. Seconded and carried.

Meredith Groves then presented a report for the Coordinating Council. A petition concerning Episcopal leadership for the Alaska Mission was read

by Fred McGinnis. Meredith Groves moved to adopt the petition. Seconded and carried 36 to 0. The Bishop suggested that the record show there were no dissenting votes. Thomas Dahl moved that the committee of the Annual Meeting and Coordinating Council to refine and polish the above petition for presentation at the Western Jurisdictional Conference be limited to Fred McGinnis, Meredith Groves, John J. Shaffer and William Staats. Seconded and carried.

Dr. Groves moved the adoption of the following Coordinating Council Action: "Recommend to the Alaska Mission of The United Methodist Church that we request the Division of National Missions to (re-open) the Methodist ministry in the Aleution Island." Seconded. Fred McGinnis amended the motion to read "we request the Division of National Missions in cooperation and consultation with the Alaska Mission to give consideration to re-opening the Methodist Ministry in the Aleution Islands." Amendment was seconded and carried. Total motion as amended then carried 21 to 13.

Dr. Groves moved the adoption of the second Coordinating Council Action: "Recommend that the Board of Missions of the Alaska Mission prepare in detail a statement on the history of our ministry in the Aleutians, needs of Unalaska and the chain, describe a ministry to meet such needs and a budget it will require and submit to the National Board of Missions." Seconded and carried.

Annual Meeting adjourned from 10:50 to 11:10 a.m. for a break.

Bishop Phillips made a progress report on the item referred to the cabinet regarding a ministry in the Aleutian Islands.

Board of Missions report was given by Charles Horner.

Thomas Dahl conducted an interview type (Man with a Mike) report by interviewing Mrs. Pat Locke, director of the Anchorage Welcome Center; Ernest Jones, Council of Churches representative on the Alaska State Community Action Program Board; Mrs. Jeanette Beatty, Lay Delegate from United Methodist Church of Chugiak, who told the Community Action Program participation by that church; Charles Wilson, who spoke of the Juneau-Douglas larger parish possibilities; David Fison, who spoke of the Fairbanks Ecumenical Experiment; and Carol Daly, Lay Delegate from Turnagain, who spoke about Operation FISH, a phone service for extending help to others. Howard DeVore then spoke about this year's School of Christian Mission. Barbara Shaffer reported on certain books available for study through her office of Missionary Secretary. Charles Horner then moved adoption of the entire report. Seconded and carried.

John J. Shaffer then moved to recess after announcements until 1:00 p.m.

### **Afternoon Session**

Bishop Phillips opened the meeting at 1:05 p.m. and Meredith Groves led the Annual Meeting in prayer.

Ernest Jones presented the Board of Christian Social Concerns Report. David Fison moved to amend the report by adding under Section II, titled Selective Service (following concluding paragraph—top of page 3). "We urge each local church to work in their respective communities toward cooperative establishment of a "counseling center" for prospective draftees, especially making available information on alternative services." Amendment seconded and carried. Total report then moved for adoption by Ernest Jones. Seconded and carried with several dissenting votes.

There was a request from the floor to allow the Board of Health and Welfare Ministries to present one of its resolutions before the World Service and Finance Budget Report. Leo C. Cramer moved to hold to the order of the day. Seconded and failed.

Annual meeting then voted to allow the presentation of this resolution: "Whereas great areas of unmet human need exist in the State of Alaska be it resolved that the Alaska Mission of The United Methodist Church direct the Board of Health and Welfare Ministries to hold consultations on the Church and human need in Alaska during 1968-1969 funded by an apportionment of \$1,500.00 for the Board of Health and Welfare Ministries to be supplemented by funds in the amount of \$2,000.00 made available by the Jesse Lee Home program and other sources to involve interested and concerned parties of church, private, and public agencies." Howard DeVore moved its adoption. Seconded. Leo C. Cramer moved to amend by adding after 1969 "and that the proposed Aleutian Study be part of these consultations." Seconded and carried 26 to 3. Resolution as amended then passed 28 to 2.

Howard DeVore then presented Mrs. Mildred Pelch, Administrator of the Wesleyan Hospital in Seward who gave her report. John J. Shaffer moved adoption of her report. Seconded and carried.

William Staats presented the report of World Service and Finance and moved its adoption. Seconded. Thomas Dahl moved to delete \$175 from World Service Mission Section of the budget. Seconded and was defeated.

Meredith Groves moved that \$1,500 for Board of Health and Welfare Ministries be put in the budget as a separate item to be used for grade figuring. Seconded and carried.

Total budget then adopted as amended.

Howard DeVore then continued with Board of Health and Welfare Ministries Report. Presented resolution Number Two of the report and moved to adopt. Seconded and carried. Resolution Number Three was presented, moved to adopt. Seconded and carried. Resolution Number Four was presented and moved to adopt. Seconded and carried. Jesse Lee Home report was presented by the Director, Richard Gilbert. Richard Gilbert moved the adoption of his report. Seconded and carried. Howard DeVore moved that the report as a whole be adopted. Seconded and carried.

Roland Stanton presented the report of the Board of Lay Activities. He moved for adoption. Seconded and carried.

John J. Shaffer requested the floor for matters of privilege. A telegram of greetings was read from David and Mona Blackburn: "Four years absence leave unchanged our affection. Best Wishes." Dr. J. Edward Carothers, Executive Secretary of the National Divisions of Missions, and Treasurer Benjamin C. Lally were introduced.

John J. Shaffer moved that Meredith Groves and Benjamin C. Lally be authorized to sign checks for the Alaska Mission of The United Methodist Church. Seconded and carried.

After a brief break, Robert Bowers moved for reconsideration. Seconded and carried.

Robert Bowers moved that Meredith A. Groves, Doris Staley, Walter L. Hays, Jr. and Benjamin C. Lally be authorized to sign checks, with any two signatures required. Seconded and carried.

Dr. Robert Nelson moved to reconsider the Nomination Committee Re-

port. Seconded and carried. Murray Simpson was added to the Rules Committee. Total report then adopted.

Dr. J. Edward Carothers then addressed the group concerning the "Crisis in the Nation." Following his address, Walter L. Hays, Jr. then made a special presentation to Dr. Carothers.

Norma Nelson then made a report for the Rules Committee. On Section C, adding number 4: "All motions, except those of privilege, originating on the floor be referred to the appropriate committee for study and report, unless consideration of same is passed by two-thirds vote of members present." John J. Shaffer moved for adoption of the report. Seconded and carried.

Report of the Committee on Journal by Bee Tindell and Betty DeVore. Motion made to approve the minutes as corrected. Seconded and carried.

P. Gordon Gould (former Mission Superintendent and leader in formation of Alaska Methodist University) was recognized by Bishop Phillips. Dr. Gould addressed the conference on his concern for Christ and His Church. He also presented his wife to the annual meeting.

The meeting was adjourned until evening, when Bishop Short again shared in the sermon "The Friendship of God." The service was led by Robert Bowers with the Adult Choir from Turnagain Methodist Church singing. Dr. Robert Jordahl was the organist for this service and several others during the annual meeting.

Commissioning service as missionaries was also conducted for Donald and Alma Hartman. Sharing in this service were Bishop Phillips, Bishop Short and Dr. J. Edward Carothers.

Howard DeVore was presented to read the report of the Committee on Appreciation. He moved its adoption. Seconded and carried.

Upon motion from the floor, Bishop Glenn Randall Phillips declared the annual meeting adjourned sine die.

John and Barbara Shaffer then held an open house for delegates in their parsonage at Eagle River.



**Commissioning Service for Donald and Alma Hartman  
Bishop Short, Bishop Phillips, Dr. Carothers, Hartmans.**

# **RULES OF ANNUAL MEETING**

## **I. Disciplinary Provisions 1964**

### **Paragraph 615:**

A Mission shall meet annually at the time and place appointed by the bishop in charge, who shall preside. In the absence of the bishop, the superintendent of the Mission shall preside. The presiding officer shall bring forward the regular business of the meeting, and arrange the work. For rules governing the administration of the Missions in the home field see Paragraph 1254, 612-13.

### **Paragraph 612:**

Each (Provisional Annual Conference or) Mission at its annual session shall appoint a standing committee whose duty it shall be, with the concurrence of the president of the conference, to make an estimate of the amount necessary for the support of each pastoral charge, either in full or supplementary to the amount raised by the charge. Such estimate shall be subject to modification by the division of the Board of Missions immediately concerned.

### **Paragraph 613:**

A charge within a (Provisional Annual Conference or) Mission may receive aid from the Board of Missions without having been designated by the conference at its meeting.

### **Paragraph 1254:**

1. In home fields outside of an Annual Conference, or among racial groups, work under the care of the Board of Missions not having met the requirements for the organization of a Provisional Annual Conference shall be administered by the board as a *Mission*.

2. The Mission shall meet annually, and shall be composed of all regularly appointed missionaries, both lay and clerical, and mission traveling preachers, and other lay members. the number of whom and the mode of their appointment each Mission shall determine for itself.

3. The bishop in charge of a Mission may appoint a superintendent of the Mission, or as many superintendents as may appear to him necessary or wise, for whom support has been provided. He shall determine the groups or charges over which the respective superintendents shall have supervision.

4. A bishop, or in his absence one of the superintendents chosen by ballot by the Mission, shall preside in the annual meeting. This meeting shall exercise in a general way the functions of a District Conference. It shall have power to license suitable persons to preach. and to pass on the character of preachers not members of an Annual Conference, to receive on trial mission traveling preachers, and to recommend to an Annual Conference proper persons for deacons and elders orders. The bishop or president shall at the annual meeting assign the missionaries and mission traveling preachers to the several charges for the ensuing year; provided that no missionary shall be transferred to or from a Mission without previous consultation with the Board.

5. In case of a Mission using more than one language besides English and extending over a wide geographical territory, the bishop may assemble in annual meetings the members of the Mission on a racial or geographical basis. The Mission may delegate to such sub-groups the work of examining



and recommending to an Annual Conference candidates for admission on trial, under such limitations as the discipline provides.

6. In Missions, examinations of local and traveling preachers shall be held by the Mission, and certified to an Annual Conference. The Missions also shall make recommendations for reception on trial in an Annual Conference.

Paragraph 1632.6:

9. Missions within the United States may organize a Conference Board of Pensions to care for the special needs of special conference claimants with the help of the General Board of Pensions. In such cases the Mission shall establish the annuity rate to be paid annually.

Paragraph 1637:

Annuity - Responsibility in Missions or Provisional Annual Conferences. The responsibility for the annuity on account of years of approved service in a Mission or Provisional Annual Conference within the United States shall rest jointly with (a) the Mission or Provisional Annual Conference concerned; (b) the General Board of Pensions, and (c) the Division of National Missions. The revenue for annuity purposes covering such service shall be provided by the aforesaid parties in accordance with such plan or plans as may be mutually agreed to by them.

## **II. Rules**

### **A. Organization**

1. Convening: The Annual Meeting shall meet on the date set by the bishop as provided in the Discipline. (Par. 615) The program committee shall consist of the bishop of the area, the superintendent of the Mission, the secretary of the Mission, the lay leader and associate lay leader of the Mission, and the pastor and lay leader of the local church. In the event that AMU is host, the president or his representative shall be added to the committee, together with such pastors as the superintendent may appoint.

2. Membership: Voting members of the Annual Meeting shall be those indicated in Paragraph 1254.2 of the Discipline as that section is clarified time to time by the presiding officer upon request of the Meeting.

The secretary shall present to the Meeting a list of lay and ministerial members on the first day of each annual session.

3. Officers: At the Annual Meeting following the General Conference, after the roll call, the Meeting shall complete its organization by electing a secretary, treasurer, and a statistician, with power to name their assistants. Nominations for these offices shall be made by the nominating committee, providing that additional nominations may be made from the floor. These officers shall be elected for one year.

4. Commissions and Committees: The standing commissions, and committees of the mission shall be as follows: Commissions on Christian Social Concerns, Education, Evangelism, Missions, and World Service and Finance, and Committees on Appreciation, Audit, Ministerial Qualifications, Nominations, Pensions, Rules, and the Alaska Mission Historical Society. Membership on commissions and committees shall be by annual election, with a slate to be presented at the beginning of each Annual Meeting by the Committee on Nominations, providing that additional nominations may be made from the floor. Ministers appointed to the Alaska Mission between

Annual Meeting elections may be assigned by the Mission Superintendent to commissions and committees, serving until the time of the next Mission election.

Delegates of the Alaska Mission to the Alaska Council of Churches who serve by virtue of their office shall serve during their effective appointment or quadrennial term. All other delegates shall serve for a quadrennial term, with such election to take place at the third Annual Meeting following the General Conference.

All officers of the Mission and chairmen of commissions and committees of the Mission requesting, receiving, and/or administering funds of the Alaska Mission's Commission on World Service and Finance may be advisory members only, without vote, of the Commission on World Service and Finance.

The Annual Meeting shall elect such other commissions and committees as necessary to carry out its work.

The Committee on Nominations, of which the superintendent shall be the chairman, shall be nominated and elected from the floor following the election of commissions and committees and shall assume responsibility at the adjournment of the Annual Meeting at which it was elected.

## **B. Procedures**

1. When a member desires to present any business, or to speak to any question, he shall rise and address the presiding officer, and when recognized, he may proceed, restricting his remarks to the subject before the meeting.

2. The hours of convening and adjourning the sessions of the Meeting shall be fixed by the Program Committee. The printed program shall be presented for adoption as the order of the meeting, at the time of the organization of the meeting.

3. When absence from the various business sessions is necessary, permission from the presiding officer shall be secured.

4. Offerings at the Communion Service and for conference expenses are approved. Other offerings shall have prior approval by the Annual Meeting.

5. Ordained Methodist ministers, other than those covered under Section A, Paragraph 2 of these rules, serving in Alaska under appointment, deaconesses, and lay missionaries serving under special appointment by the Board of Missions shall be seated at the Annual Meeting and given the privileges of the floor without vote.

Visitors may be given the privilege of the floor without vote by the presiding officer of the Annual Meeting.

6. The pastors shall submit the statistical report and the financial report respectively to the statistician and the treasurer as requested by these officers.

7. Robert's Rules of Order shall govern on all questions of procedure when the rules adopted by the Annual Meeting or the Methodist Discipline do not apply.

8. All business of the Meeting not brought forward by the presiding officer may be introduced by motion from the floor.

9. Reports that are to be printed in the Pre-Conference Journal of

the Alaska Mission shall be submitted to the secretary in quadruplicate by April 30, preceeding the annual meeting.

10. Lay members shall be elected quadrennially from each church in the Mission by Quarterly Conference of said Church.

### **C. Resolutions and Motions**

1. All resolutions and motions introduced by a member shall be in written form and submitted to the secretary on request. Any resolution or motion so introduced may be withdrawn by the mover at any time before amended or adopted.

The name of person presenting a resolution or motion which is adopted shall be recorded in the Minutes.

2. No one may speak more than once on any question before the Meeting until everyone who desires to speak shall have spoken. Where persons of opposing views wish the floor, the presiding officer shall alternate recognizing the proponents and opponents of the motion in question.

3. When any motion is laid on the table, it may be taken therefrom by a majority vote of the Meeting and may be made the order of the day for any session or hour thereafter.

4. All motions, except those of privilege, originating on the floor be referred to the appropriate committee for study and report, unless consideration of same is passed by two-thirds vote of members present.

### **D. Journal**

1. The record of daily proceedings of the Annual Meeting as signed by the presiding officer and the secretary and printed in the Official Journal shall be considered the official minutes.

2. All narrative material to be published in the Official Journal shall be submitted in quadruplicate to the secretary not later than midnight of the day of adjournment of the Annual Meeting. Material submitted later may be omitted from the Journal unless arrangements are made with the secretary to receive late material.

3. Printing and distribution of the Official Journal of the Alaska Mission will be arranged by secretary in consultation with the superintendent of the Alaska Mission and the Division of National Missions.

### **E. Amendments**

The rules of the Annual Meeting may be amended or suspended on the first day of the Annual Meeting by a majority vote. At all other times amendment or suspension of rules shall require a two-thirds vote.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Meredith A. Groves

Tragedy and triumph! Celebration and disaster! This has been the personal story of Esther and Meredith as well as that of Alaska and our Methodist Mission in 1967. It tells of the onward march of people who have a vital faith in the living God, witnessing on the cutting edge of society in this wilderness frontier.

My youngest sister, Alta Claycamp, passed away in March in Hillsboro, Oregon, and Esther's brother, Ralph Bridgeman, died in Winchendon, Mass. in September. We rejoice in the strength of our Christian faith in times like these.

Our beloved leader, Bishop A. Raymond Grant, was called higher in August by our Heavenly Father. He gave himself largely for Alaska. The growth of our work during his fifteen years is almost miraculous. When he came, Alaska Methodist University was a nebulous dream. Now it has over 1,000 students. Property is valued at more than \$10,000,000 and there is an annual budget of over \$1,000,000. One has to be here to realize the impact that AMU has made on Alaska — educationally, spiritually, morally and culturally.

Jesse Lee Home has a new million-dollar plant and a vital program to meet the needs of disturbed children, according to the best of modern child care standards.

And the churches! When Bishop Grant first arrived, there were only a few scattered ones. On the Kenai Peninsula we had Seward as well as the Kenai mobile ministry — five congregations with a total of 13 members. First Church was our only church in Anchorage — since then have come Anchor Park, Turnagain, St. John and East Anchorage, and Fairbanks, Chugiak, Kenai, Homer, Anchor Point, Sitka, North Kenai and Soldotna. Bishop Grant was Alaska's great friend. There is a great lonesome place against the sky.

The Fairbanks flood was a greater disaster for Fairbanks than the 1964 earthquake was for Anchorage. One had to see the devastation to believe it — then it was hard to do so. Some gave up and left, but generally the spirit was high and the people carried on with great courage. It has been a very rugged winter but Fairbanks church and Fairbanks are emerging into a larger and better city and church.

Cost of repairs was about \$100,000 with \$65,000 coming from friends in the "lower 48" and \$35,000 from Alaskans. \$10,000 of this was contributed by volunteer labor from Nome and Anchorage and \$2,500 in cash from Alaska churches. Many tens of thousands of dollars was given by Anchorage Methodists in care of refugees and children of the "kiddie lift."

We welcome Bishop and Mrs. Glenn Phillips, retired, as our interim Bishop. His brotherly spirit, keen understanding of Alaska and its needs, and his forward look has lifted our spirits and caused us to press forward with renewed vigor.

We welcome Robert Bowers and family from Wisconsin to Seward and "Gene" Groves from a year of graduate study at the University of Chicago to Wesley Foundation at the University of Alaska and Associate at First Church, Fairbanks. In December, Jeffrey Groves came to make three in this happy family.

We welcome Dr. Bartko as Medical Officer and Tom Mercer as Administrator of Maynard McDougal Hospital at Nome, Mrs. Pelch as Administrator of Wesleyan Hospital at Seward, Gary Holthaus from the Kenai parish to the staff of AMU and many other personnel in our institutions.

These add much to the vital ministry of our church on the cutting edge of our frontier society as a new day of promise dawns for Alaska. Someone wrote:

Thy name is in the sea and air  
Thy world is open everywhere.

I feel this way about Alaska. Needs about which we only dreamed or whispered a short time ago are being met with the promise of an increased tempo in meeting the challenges that now confront us in the ministry of our church.

President Johnson has declared a War On Poverty. In Alaska, the Methodist Church is getting things done to meet acute needs here, especially among native people. Pastor's reports indicate how at Fairbanks, 17 rooms of our rebuilt church are being used daily to meet needs in a Day Care Center, Adult Education etc., etc. Turnagain church sends volunteers to paint interior of Welcome Center. Chugiak reaches out in many activities, etc.

### **Christian Unity**

At Valdez we have Methodists working and worshipping in the Church of the Epiphany and represented at this Annual Meeting. We hope this pattern will make it possible for Methodists in many communities to work and worship with others and will find Presbyterians, Episcopalians and others working and worshipping under Methodist pastoral leadership at Kenai, Soldotna, Nome, etc. This new discovery of Christian unity is shown in vital dialog and action, in Fairbanks, Ketchikan, Sitka and elsewhere. We look forward to many new projects of like nature and through them the renewal and larger outreach of the church.

### **We Build**

We close another great year in building buildings. One weekend Bishop Phillips consecrated a parish parsonage house at Soldotna, an educational unit at St. John and first units at East Anchorage and Sitka. These with repairs at Fairbanks make an excess of \$450,000 for this year.

### **A New Congregation**

At 5:00 p.m. Easter Sunday about 70 people gathered in the basement of the new parish parsonage at Soldotna where 28 people formed a new congregation. When the pastor comes in June, we expect a great growth here. A New Church Developer will also come to the Kenai parish in June. With Bob Nelson, these other two men and the cooperation of the Episcopalians, Presbyterians and others large growth will come in booming communities of this parish.

This summer we plan a caretaker's lodge at Eagle River Camp, a first unit at Soldotna, two caribou cabins at Birchwood. In the immediate future we will have a new church at Juneau (present building built in 1904), an addition in Kenai, Ketchikan and East Anchorage and possibly Douglas and Seward. Building fund campaigns are planned for Juneau, Ketchikan, Sitka and Chugiak as well as some others this year.

## Self Support

We now have five self-supporting churches. Turnagain begins self support June 1. Congratulations! Who will be next?

In 1968-69 the churches will increase payments on pastoral support in such items as salary, travel and utilities over \$25,000, and have pledged to pay a total of \$101,803 on these items. We still request the National Division to subsidize pastoral support in the amount of \$88,120. This is much less than last year even though we will have at least one more pastor.

We thank the United Methodist Church and the National Division for this help. In addition to the above the Division contributes over \$50,000 per year for program on such items as Annual Meeting, Pastor's School, Executive Secretary and Superintendent's salary, office staff salaries, office expenses and rent, and payments on Wesley House duplex, and Sitka parsonage.

This summer "outside vacations" and moving expenses of outgoing and incoming missionaries will cost an additional \$20,000.

After 10 years of wonderful service in outposts like Moose Pass, Hope, Girdwood, St. John and Nome, Ben Lairds leave the windy shores of the Bering Sea for the bleak New England coast of Calais, Maine. We pray God's blessing on them in their ministry there.

We appreciate the strong support given us in our great task by Dr. J. Edward Carothers, Dr. Mary Lou Barnwell, Dr. Harry S. Komuro, Rev. Albert S. Adams, Miss Emma Burris and others of the Staff of the National Division. We welcome Dr. Carothers and Dr. Komuro to this Annual meeting. We are greatly honored to have Bishop Roy H. Short, Chairman of the National Division, as our guest speaker. Dr. Gerald Clapsaddle of the Joint Section on Education and Cultivation and the entire staff of the Advance Department including Dr. Virgil Sexton, Rev. James Pemberton, Rev. David Blackburn, Rev. Harry Poppe aid us greatly in helping to secure Advance Specials which mean continuance of present work and the starting of new work.

We welcome many Methodists who come in tours and otherwise who visit our work each year and go back to tell the thrilling story of Methodist Witness in Alaska. We especially appreciate the workcamp groups who came to Birchwood, Eagle River, Sitka and Ketchikan and the Intentional Community at Jesse Lee Home. These inspired us. They are among our best ambassadors to the "low 48".

Walter Hays, our untiring associate, leads in the ecumenical movement as President of the Alaska Council of Churches and in inspiring youth and others to more vital youth programs and creative Christian education in our church schools.

Mrs. William (Marybeth) Sturgis and Mrs. Keith (Frances) Giddings with charm and efficiency keep the wheels of the mission office turning smoothly. Thanks so much!

My Wife Esther, gives strong support to me in our work for Alaska which we love so much.

We appreciate the leadership, loyalty and devotion of the finest group of ministers and families that can be found anywhere. Their creative ability and outstanding service make our life and work a joy.

### Evangelism

Dr. Paul Leaming, Ernie Logan and 21 missionaries led us in a vital New Life Mission in February. Now we understand and do a greater depth and breadth in our Christian Witness.

However we report a net loss of 21 members. First Church, Anchorage, Kenai Parish, Fairbanks, East Anchorage and Turnagain lead in that order in total new members. East Anchorage and Kenai parish lead in total net gain. Gains were reported by 11 churches. Six were barren with no new members. Seven had net losses. Seward, Juneau, and First Anchorage had massive removals by Charge Conference action. Seward's membership has dropped 61% since the earthquake.

Rotation of people keeps us running to stand still. One church lost 17% of its members last June through rotation. The hard facts are these. If we are to make gains we need to receive about 20% of our membership each year. In a growing state, a growing church must bring people into its fellowship.

We are the New UNITED METHODIST CHURCH. We look forward to the coming of our new Bishop after Jurisdictional Conference. With new structure, with new emphasis on vital needs in our state, nation and world, we expect this next year to mark a new high in the ministry of life that indeed we may be A NEW CHURCH FOR A NEW STATE AND WORLD.



William E. Staats, Mrs. Glenn R. Phillips, Meredith A. Groves



# REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

## Board of Education

Walter Lee Hays, Jr.

Recently I was called by a reporter who was doing some research for a national article that is to be published by *Newsweek* magazine. The questions she asked dealt with the theme: "Is The Sunday School Necessary?" I tried to share with her my honest joys and doubts about the Sunday Church School and the total scope of Christian Education as I see it today.

There's a great deal to be disheartened about when we see the casual and often mundane way that a church can view its educational ministry as simply providing so many teachers for so many classes and "letting it happen." There is occasion for a great deal of rejoicing when one can point to those areas where the church's educational ministry is vital and alive. Our educational ministry in Alaska is a combination of both of these extremes. We can be justly proud of several churches and many teachers who labor diligently to make their classes exciting and creative as they explore the meaning of the Christian faith with children, youth and adults. Many of our churches have been quite thrilled with the response of adults within their fellowship to our new "foundation studies in the Christian Faith." As I complete my fifth year as Executive Secretary of the Board of Education, I am more firmly convinced than ever that old patterns are not the answer in a state as large, and diverse as Alaska.

I have tried to serve as a resource person, consultant, trainer and designer of educational ministry in my work during the past year and have unapologetically taken the position that we need always to be thinking about the broader cooperative and ecumenical context of our teaching ministry.

The following topical summary will give a review of many of my areas of concern and work during the past conference year.

### Camping

As our Methodist camps at Birchwood and Eagle River continue to grow in expansion of their facilities and involvement of greater numbers of persons, we are pleased to see that our camps are being used very widely as year round retreat and conference facilities by Methodist and other user groups. The beginning of broad base interdenominational camping is also a most encouraging sign in our cooperative and joint ministry with other denominations. I have provided curriculum counseling and conducted on-site training sessions prior to the camping season.

### Summer Service

During this past summer, the Alaska Mission gained a very great deal from volunteer service that was rendered in its behalf. For the first year, two young adults served as volunteers in several settings of our Western Alaska program and were invaluable aids in our ministry to children and in the leadership of our camping program. Miss Mollic Bynum, a young school teacher from Texas and Mr. Tom Albright, a preministerial student at the University of Puget Sound will long be remembered for their excellent service to several of our local churches and to the total program of our Birchwood Camp and Jesse Lee Home.

The Alaska Mission hosted one of the national "Intentional Community"

projects. This group of nine young adults and their adult leadership lived at our Jesse Lee Home and served many agencies in the Greater Anchorage area. The design of this project was somewhat different than other summer service projects we have hosted in that five of the participants worked a 40 hour week as volunteers in various agencies in the city while two of the group worked at paying jobs to support the life of the community. We were very pleased that this Methodist-sponsored project was able to contribute over 1,200 hours of volunteer service to several agencies in the Greater Anchorage area including the Salvation Army, the Alaska Crippled Children's Association, the Alaska Native Service Hospital and the Jesse Lee Home. The evaluations of the agency supervisors was very high in the praise of the work of these concerned young adults.

High school and college workcampers from Shreveport, La., and the Terre Haute District of the Indiana Conference also contributed a great deal to our Mission this past summer; many major improvements were made at Birchwood Camp because of the hard labor of the Indiana group and a great deal of painting, construction and solid teaching was provided by the Louisiana team in the greater Ketchikan parish at its outpost church schools and in a remote logging camp.

### **Youth Work**

The Alaska Mission can be justly proud that two of her youth were selected for the 1967-68 National MYFund Mission Team. Jacquie Wing and Joel DeVore gained first-hand experience in the mission of the church by serving in two of the projects of the National Division this past summer. Throughout the school year they have served as resource persons to interpret the MYFund and youth involvement in the mission of the church and have spoken for several local churches, retreats and convocations. During this past year I have coordinated several special youth programs in our local churches that have emphasized the arts and their relationship to the Christian faith. These programs have stressed the place of the arts in helping man understand himself, his world, and his faith; youth in Nome, Valdez, Fairbanks and Ketchikan have discussed the message of contemporary film and the role of the contemporary artist and then have dabbled in painting and sculpture and have written their own poetry and folk music in response to exploration of the scripture.

Another aspect of our total youth ministry that deserves commendation is the significant role that Methodist youth, laity, and clergy are playing in enabling international students to live and study in Alaska as part of the international Christian youth exchange. For several years the Methodist Church has been very active in the program that has brought three young students from Europe to live in Juneau and has allowed one of the Juneau area youth (Methodist) to spend a year abroad in study and in gaining a deeper understanding of the Christian faith in a modern shrinking world. We are pleased that through the efforts of our pastor and youth in Ketchikan, a student from South America will be living in the Ketchikan community this coming year as part of the ICYE program and that initial steps have been taken in the Kenai parish to also participate in this significant program.

## **Audio Visual Library**

During this past conference the audio-visual library has undergone a thorough "housecleaning". Many damaged and outdated resources have been thrown away and many new filmstrips, records and tapes have been purchased. A comprehensive listing of these changes is being printed and will be in the hands of local churches shortly. The part time employment of a technician has added greatly to the administration of our AV Library by providing good care for our 16 mm. films.

## **Leadership Education**

There have been many special or short term projects that have added a great deal to our total educational ministry this year. The third Annual Children's Choir Festival coordinated by Mona Cramer for the Anchorage area churches was a great success with several choirs participating. A first "Methodist" Christian Leadership School was held in the Anchorage area during the winter; four courses were offered and some 32 adults were registered for the three sessions of the school. The evaluations from the participants indicate that the training received was greatly appreciated and they would like to continue this type of enterprise in the future.

We also sponsored the first usage of video tape in a religious education setting during May in the Alaska Mission. A seminar on the future of religious education was held at Jesse Lee Home under the direction of Richard Gilbert and an ecumenical reaction panel spoke to the issues raised by Dr. Howard Ham in the tape presentation. In so far as possible I have helped local churches and groups of churches in designing and carrying out specific leadership education enterprises. Often my help has been in terms of a consultant and on several occasions, funds from our Board of Education budget have been channeled to local churches to help provide special resources, baby sitting, or travel monies so that local church personnel could be trained or programs could be enabled that would otherwise not be possible.

## **Campus Ministry**

I have continued to serve as an advisor to the Methodist Student Movement at Alaska Methodist University. Although the group has been small this year and informal in its structure, several projects have been completed that have been most worthwhile. After nearly two years of negotiation, B. J. Stiles, editor of Motive Magazine, was finally able to make a visit to Alaska and it was well worth waiting for. His lectures on "Man's Search For Meaning" and "The Artist" at AMU and the University of Alaska were very well received by the University communities and the community at large. The accompanying art exhibits of Sister Mary Corita and Robert Hodgell provided a very excellent focal point for meaningful discussion about the arts and the Christian faith.

We also were pleased to have Dr. George Jordan minister of the Wesley Foundation at the University of Washington, make a visit to Alaska this fall on behalf of the Office of Campus Ministry of the Board of Education. Dr. Jordan's comments and observations were most helpful especially as he helped us sharpen up our design for an ecumenical campus ministry to the University of Alaska that may well be a reality this fall.

## **Ecumenical Concerns**

I have continued to work in several interdenominational projects during this past year. I serve as announcer for the weekly religious news program "News Of The Religious World" under the sponsorship of the Greater Anchorage Council of Churches and again served as the program coordinator for the Protestant Youth Leadership Conference for high school youth held by the chaplains of the Alaska Command this past August. As President of the Alaska Council of Churches, I am deeply indebted to our church for their support of the Council's work in Alaska and feel that we can justly be proud of any of the signs of cooperation and unity that have developed. The Alaska Centennial Mural which was unveiled in May, 1967 and will be traveling to churches throughout the state, will be featured in a full color article in "Together" in the future months. The membership of the Lutheran Church in America is pending at this date but we expect confirmation in the near future which will greatly strengthen our small and struggling council.

Methodists can be justly proud of the work of Ernest Jones as the Alaska Council representative on the Executive Board of the Alaska State Community Action program. Ernie has been a responsible committee man who has kept the council well informed of the activities and controversy that often surrounds this important organization. The council's leadership is being felt, not only in the broader ecumenical sphere where we sponsored the first public service of prayer for Christian Unity among Catholic, Orthodox and Protestants this past winter, but also in the areas of radio and television placement and ongoing leadership education.

I am proud to be an officer of this young and progressive council and earnestly solicit our continued Methodist support for its vital ministry.

## **Public Relations**

We were pleased that Roundtable magazine featured my work as a Methodist Youth Fund project in their December, 1967 issue. I am also very grateful for the opportunity that was mine to speak on behalf of the Alaska Mission in both the Minnesota and North Texas Conferences prior to and following the Methodist Conference on Christian Education held in Dallas this fall. It was a thrill to be able to give a first hand report to the churches in these two conferences. More recently I had an opportunity to personally orient a large group of high school and college students and their counselors and parents in Michigan as they prepare for summer service in Alaska this year.

A recent trip to Nashville for the National Orientation on Youth Curriculum was most helpful not only for the good insight it provided into the design and usage of these excellent resources, but also for the opportunity for personal consultation with many of the staff of our General Board as we plan for future projects in our educational ministry.

I am deeply indebted to many individuals, groups and organizations who have underwritten and enabled the educational ministry of this office. I should like to express a very brief word of appreciation to those churches in Indiana and Ohio and Florida that help underwrite the work of my educational ministry. A very real word of appreciation is also due the parsonage families of the Mission who have been so hospitable as I have traveled throughout the past year. Many staff members of the General

Board of Education have been constant friends and resource persons as I have written to them for help and advice and as they have come to Alaska to help us in our educational ministry.

I am grateful for the preaching opportunities that have been mine as I traveled throughout the Mission and for the opportunities that I have had to share in various settings in the life of our local churches. The several persons who served as volunteer area age level workers for the Board of Education are also to be commended for the fine work that they have done in several different settings in providing leadership and coordination for our total educational ministry. The Divisions of National Mission has been an understanding and helpful parent as we have made requests and received consideration from them on several projects and future plans.

A word of appreciation must be expressed to Dr. Meredith Groves for his wise counsel and firm support as we have tried for the most effective design in our educational ministry and to my wife, Lydia, who has shared with me the perplexities and the joys that accompany this particular kind of service.

In closing this report and in looking back over five years of service in Alaska, I think we can be justly proud of several accomplishments that we have made. Yet there are a great many areas where we have just begun to realize our potential in creative and effective educational ministry. In the very near future plans must be made for the involvement of more laity in the decision making process of our educational policies and with the advent of the new youth curriculum and the new structure that has come with the United Methodist Church, it will be imperative that each local church fashion its own educational ministry. The emphasis upon "local self-direction" cannot be overemphasized and we will be functioning not so much as a church that is administered from the top down with Boards that hand down programs to be carried out but as a church that is vitally concerned with the mandate "to be the people of God where we are". This will involve some hard thinking on our parts as we evaluate, restructure, experiment and serve in the ministry of God's reconciling love.

## **Anchor Park Methodist Church**

**Leo C. Cramer, Pastor**

The church at Anchor Park has not been static this past year. The ministry here has been full, rich and satisfying. It is wonderful to be a part of God's church and work in Alaska.

For the second consecutive year Anchor Park was privileged to have a representative on the MYFund World Mission Team. Jacquie Wing had a summer filled with challenge and growth as she served her God and church through this program.

Our daily Vacation Church School was a huge success both numerically and in benefits to pupils and staff. The total Church School program has been extremely active and effective this year. Team teaching from the nursery through the sixth grade has proven to be a very effective method of teaching for our situation. We have enjoyed a good year with the new adult materials and look forward with joy to the coming of our new youth materials. Our attendance at Church School continues to increase as we endeavor to make full use of our facilities.

I was again privileged to enjoy a week at Birchwood Camp with the junior campers from the area. I always look forward to this experience of living and learning with my favorite age group of people.

Our time "outside" this year was a thrilling experience for us. Old friends, relatives, families and familiar places were all visited with joy. We were happy to go and also happy to get back home to Alaska.

Our return to Alaska was saddened by Bishop Grant's death and the news of suffering from the Fairbanks flood. A plea for homes for those needing care during this emergency resulted in Anchor Park housing 46 children through the Kid-E-Vac program and numerous families through the Civil Defense authorities.

Weekend retreats at Birchwood Camp brought new vitality to the MYF groups as they planned programs and activities for the new year. A look at their MYFund giving record elsewhere in this Journal will reveal just how much the needs of others entered into their planning.

The Trustees contracted with Walter Morgan for the painting of the exterior of the church this year. Walter faced quite a challenge as many "volunteers" from the younger age groups of the neighborhood wanted to climb his ladders and scaffolds to "help". They too wanted to help make the church building more beautiful in appearance.

In early September our new pews arrived and were installed by the men of the congregation. The old pews were passed on to the East Anchorage Church with only a few being retained for the Choir loft. Our seating capacity is now 300.

The Trustees also had needed improvements made at the church home this year. A closet was added to one of the downstairs bedrooms, a fence was placed around the backyard, a clothesline was added and a storage shed built.

We have had fine musical participation in our services of worship this year. The Children's Choir of 32 voices under the direction of Mrs. John Anderson, the Youth Choir of 16 voices being led by Mrs. Leslie Brock, and the Sanctuary Choir of 20 voices directed by Mrs. O. Dean Settles have added much to our spirit of worship. The assistance of Mrs. Leo Cramer, Mrs. Miriam Woodring, and Mrs. Ray Lusc who serve as accompanists for these groups is certainly appreciated as well.

The W.S.C.S. has been a very helpful and active organization during the year. The three circles have done a marvelous job of welcoming new members and integrating them into the work of the church and the society. The calls made by this group on new and prospective families has greatly assisted the pastor and the Membership and Evangelism Commission in their work. A continued interest in higher education has resulted in the giving of two \$100 grants for students at A.M.U. again this year. Well done study sessions and an interest in others has been a characteristic of each circle meeting.

This was our first year as a self-supporting church. We had some rough spots in our financial picture but we have managed to survive. Many of our congregation moved to other areas this year and much of our "pledged" budget moved with them. We have made some gains on our mortgage debts and look now with more confidence toward the future when we feel we will be able to handle our responsibilities better.

In June of this year 17% of our congregation left Alaska. This was a hard and bitter blow to many areas of our church life. We have encouraged these persons to unite with a church of their choice elsewhere and many of them have already done so. Our attendance was way down during the summer months but we have made a good comeback and statistics now show that we are about "normal" once again. This has only come about by the work of a very dedicated Membership and Evangelism Commission. I feel deeply indebted to these faithful people who have welcomed persons to the church services and have visited them in their homes. A strong part of our Evangelism program this year was the visit of Dr. Latimer Neale. Dr. Neale led small group discussions during our "week with the Gospel of Luke". Through his leadership we were strengthened in our faith and in our Christian outreach.

We look toward the future knowing that many problems will need to be faced. Additional Church School space is a must for the very near future. Some exterior landscaping and other work must be done this summer. The interior of the church needs some attention in the form of painting and fixing up damaged areas. We look also to the future in terms of our spiritual needs. What happens to people must be our major concern. We must be about the real ministry, the healing of the world's hurts. We must be the people of God, bringing to the needs of men God's reconciling love.

## **Anchorage — East Anchorage — Girwood**

**Max W. Cramer, Pastor**

Longfellow wrote the following words which seem to suit our present position very well.

All are architects of fate  
Working in these walls of time;  
Some with massive deeds and great  
Some with ornaments of rhyme.

Nothing useless is, or low;  
Each thing in its place is best  
And what seems but idle show  
Strengthens and supports the rest.

For the structure that we raise,  
Time is with materials filled;  
Our todays and yesterdays  
Are the blocks with which we build.

We have taken the yesterdays and todays and tried to build something of worth and value at East Anchorage and Girdwood. More and more people are becoming involved and more and more the vision of two or three years ago takes form and shape before our eyes. Let us report on the happenings from our vantage point.

### **Membership and Evangelism**

Our Commission under the leadership of Mrs. George Wooster has become an effective unit in building the membership of the church. We

now conduct a visitors training program. We are establishing a regular visitation program also. We keep an active prospect list and try to follow up each contact.

### **Education**

Our chairman is Mrs. Alice Brooks. We are busy furnishing classrooms. We use all Methodist materials in church school classes. We were host church for the leadership training sessions conducted by the Mission Board of Education. These took place in February and March.

### **Stewardship and Finance**

We are now carrying out our every member canvass under the leadership of Mrs. Archie Heald. We hope to do even better than we did last year. We will attempt to take on much more local support this year and at the same time retire a portion of our debt. We look for a good year in this vital area of stewardship.

### **Missions and Social Concern**

Gladys Cramer is chairman of this dual commission. We participated in the special offerings such as One Great Hour of Sharing, Jesse Lee Sunday, World Wide Communion and others. Our Junior and Senior MYF and our WSCS each supported a Jesse Lee Child for Christmas and birthday. We hope to take one advance special this year.

In the vital area of Social Concern, we have tried to remain aware of the issues. We have tried to keep people awake to Christian responsibility.

### **Worship**

Mrs. Robert Hickey is chairman of the commission. She has developed a very good youth choir. The choirs are active in all worship services and are of great help to the worship times. Our adult choir is in the process of organizing and rehearsing. They will help in the Holy Week services.

### **Conclusion**

These few words do not attempt to say we have met all situations and exhausted every possibility. We have begun. From Chester Valley Elementary School to East Anchorage Methodist Church building is a very big and exciting step. From 0 to 105 in 22 short months is hard to put into words. We are glad to have had a part in it all.

We thank God for guidance. We thank God for all who remembered us and helped us in so many ways. It takes many good and concerned people to make East Anchorage possible. We thank God for His sustaining grace.

## **Anchorage First Methodist Church**

**Eugene H. Walters, Pastor**

It has been a thrill and a pleasure for both Carolann and I to serve as part of First Methodist Church this year. From the party which greeted Carolann and five of the children (two of us drove from Fairbanks and the rest came by train) to the warm way in which each family has allowed us to be part of their lives we feel privileged.

It is not to say that we did not encounter many problems. The vacuum



left by the immediate transfer out of key church leadership and the financial problems that follow, were probably the hardest to overcome. However, with the dedicated help of many members and continual support of Rev. Don Hartman, we seem to have overcome many of these problems.

The help one can provide through the pastoral ministry has certainly been most gratifying. The pastoral care provided through counseling to those inside and outside the fellowship of the church has been a major concern to both pastors. Don Hartman has done an excellent job of visiting and cultivating new members. We have shared in the responsibilities of weddings, funerals, baptisms, and the work of the Commissions.

In spite of the turnover in leadership, our Official Board and Commissions have functioned very effectively. The greatest turnover came in our most critical Commission, that of finance. In spite of the loss of two chairmen, a very healthy attitude and procedure was developed that has helped us reduce our outstanding debts to a minimum and a realistic approach toward paying off our mortgage is being developed. We are deeply appreciative of the help this year that the National Board of Missions has given us in helping gain our equilibrium.

In the area of worship the weekly support of the adult and children's choirs have been inspiring. One of the year's highlights was the presentation of the cantata, "The Holy City", jointly sponsored with the Anchor Park Church. We have been particularly pleased with the level of music our choir director, Beth Leffingwell and our organist, Dr. Robert Jordahl of Alaska Methodist University, have brought to our services.

Other areas of worship of commendable nature have been the introduction of original drama at the Christmas program and during the worship service on Palm Sunday. Under the direction of Mr. Tom Poling, and the holding of Communion services on the first Sunday of every second month plus New Years Eve and Maundy Thursday.

We have appreciated the help of several of our members who have participated in the worship services regularly. Mr. Sam Emanuel, now starting his training for the ministry, served as lay assistant in the worship services until he left in April. We always appreciate the help and support of Dr. Gordon Gould both at Communion and in the pulpit.

Our Social Concerns Commission has penetrated into some constructive problems and worked to support and give leadership to several meaningful community activities: Fish, Welcome Center, UNICEF, Lord's Pantry, among many others. This year the Commission on Missions decided that its purpose was one with that of Social Concerns and the meetings were held jointly.

The Education Commission was under the ministerial guidance of Rev. Hartman and has functioned very well under fine lay leadership. While the size of the church school is not one of the largest, I am impressed with the fine techniques and the regular leadership training given within the many departments. While we are crippled with the limitations of an inadequate building, our changing attitude to a positive realization that Baxter Hall will be with us for some time has caused us to fix up many areas of the church school into better teaching facilities.

This year has been one of experimentation in our Membership and Evangelism Commission. Under fine leadership and good cooperation from its members a great deal has been done to increase Christian Fellowship of the members as well as reach new families. We were especially pleased

to have the Rev. Paul E. Peterson, pastor of First Methodist Church, Everett, Washington, as a missionary this February. A fine group of coffees in homes of members let many of us face together some of the more important aspects of the Christian faith.

There would be no greater thrill to all of us than to be able to break ground to build facilities that would eliminate the drawbacks that we now face in Baxter Hall. Careful study by members of the Finance Commission, Trustees and the Official Board have brought us to the realization that no additional building can be added until the members of this church have (1) worked to reduce the present mortgage, (2) set forth a realistic way that this debt can be paid off with regular monthly or quarterly payments. It is not reasonable for us to expect the Board of Missions or, for that matter, anyone else to pay these debts for us. Thus, our present course is to clean up, fix up and recognize that we will have to live with Baxter Hall for several years. Meanwhile, we must eliminate as much of the present mortgage as possible.

Both the Women's Society and the Wesleyan Service Guild have provided fine service to the church through their organizations. The very fact that so many of the members have been active through the Commissions and have served in so many ways testifies to their devotion. The coffee hour has been a special contribution. Many have expressed the fellowship that they have felt following the worship service because the coffee hour gave them a reason to stop and talk.

Our men's group sought to find the ground upon which to stand and I believe set some good groundwork for next year. The highlights were the Sweetheart Dinner. Father and Son Banquet and the retreat at Birchwood Camp. In a similar way I believe that the couples group will begin to function this coming year with more of the spirit of Christian fellowship as their experience.

Special thanks must be expressed to Don and Alma Hartman. Without their complete and loyal support we would not have had the many areas of success that we have had. Our ministry has been one of sharing of ideas and responsibilities, and I look forward to another year of cooperatively seeking to deepen the spiritual life of the church and its involvement in the needs of our city.

We owe much to the loyal and generous members who have made this year possible, to Dr. Meredith Groves for his help in problems beyond local solution and his vision in promoting the love of Christ and His church in Alaska and all those who have helped this parsonage family through the trials and glories of serving our Lord.

## **Anchorage St. John — Hope**

**Howard L. DeVore, Pastor**

Many mileposts of progress have been passed since June 1, 1960, when ten men and women met at the home of John Cox to talk of having a Methodist Church in south Anchorage. This year marks more signs of growth and expansion. Though this area remains sparsely populated, the membership of St. John has exceeded the one hundred goal set by the Commission on Membership and Evangelism. Surrounded by pentecostal

and fundamentalistic denominations, St. John continues to be the only liberal expression of Christianity in a radius of seven miles.

Groundbreaking for the second phase of the building program took place May 28, 1967 with honored guests Dr. Allen B. Rice, formerly with the Board of Missions, Mr. Darrell Shamblin of *The Methodist Story*, and Dr. Meredith A. Groves, Alaska Mission Superintendent. The new church school opened on October 8, 1967. Designed by Roland Lane and built by Nichols Construction Company at a total cost of \$55,151.50, it provides for five large classrooms, restrooms, office and study at a figure of only \$19.30 per square foot. An additional \$4,498.21 made available by the saving in construction cost was used for church school equipment, furniture, outside improvements of parking, sidewalks, and landscaping, and the relocation of the original barracks building for use as the new youth center. Considerable volunteer labor was also donated by adults and youth. The total cost fell \$10,000 short of the original estimate for the building alone.

Bishop Glenn R. Phillips consecrated the new church school unit on March 31, 1968. Distant partners in the funding are the Michigan Conference who gave a \$10,000 Advance Special, the Ohio Conference who gave \$14,690.82 in Advance Specials, and the Board of Missions for a grant of \$15,000. St. John Methodists borrowed an additional \$20,000 to complete the project. This raises the total building loan payments, current expense and benevolence budget to over twenty thousand dollars a year. This year the local congregation contributed forty-nine per cent of the total budget with the remainder coming from Methodist churches of the South Iowa Conference.

The new church school building provides adequate space for the present. Miss DeEtte Goff, CS superintendent, works tirelessly to match the fine facilities with the best possible teachers available. Their effectiveness has been enhanced by teaching clinics conducted at St. John by the Reverend Walter Lee Hays, Jr. Some attended a leadership school conducted by the Alaska Mission Board of Education at East Anchorage.

The opening of the new building freed the fellowship hall for the initiation of two worship services on Sunday, one during the church school session. The convenience to parents has increased the total average attendance by fourteen. In its third year, the daily kindergarten with an enrollment of thirteen moved to the new building.

The new youth center offers a half-way house for teenage activities as well as Sunday Morning and Evening Methodist Youth Fellowship meeting place. The youth decorate and care for the center. Immediately following the Fairbanks flood, five youth accompanied the pastor there to work at salvaging and cleaning at the church and parsonages.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service this year made strides toward outreach and more interesting programing. With a dual purpose of meeting its \$1,000 pledge to the building fund and providing an opportunity for fellowship, hosts were enlisted to hold dinners in their homes. The WSCS also sponsors after worship coffee hours and a monthly potluck supper and program which are well attended.

Eventful in the year's pilgrimage was the Spiritual Life Mission conducted by the Reverend Paul Leaming of the General Board of Evangelism. "Four Nights For God" preaching services were held with folksingers Mr. and Mrs. Al Taylor of Alaska Methodist University performing each eve-

ning. Mr. Leaming also met with youth and adults for "dialogue" and assisted the pastor with home visitation.

The pastoral responsibility continues to extend ninety miles around Turnagain Arm to Hope with a wintertime population of thirty-five; four Methodists are among them. Most of the people have moved out of the old townsite and are located along the road to Hope on higher ground. But the church building remains safe and was recently wired for electricity as a project of the Methodist Youth Fellowship of First Methodist Church, Ames, Iowa. The building continues to be used and available for retreat purposes.

## **Anchorage Turnagain Methodist Church**

**Charles W. Horner, Pastor**

Numbers are important only when they are translated into lives, but when they are they become vitally significant. Dollar statistics have their greatest significance when they are interpreted as symbols of thanksgiving, concern and dedication. With this in mind we invite you to examine the portion of the work of the Turnagain Church which is reported in the statistical tables of this journal.

### **A Few Tangibles**

With the removal of the old hospital building which served as a temporary structure for our church and church school, the parking lot has been enlarged and further landscaping has enhanced the church grounds. There is still much to be done in this area, but we do feel a growing pride in our Church home.

Early last summer several men of the Church responded to the challenge of erecting a new cabin at our Birchwood camp. Our thanks goes to Bob Oligney, who not only did an excellent job of coordinating our group efforts, but also put in many hours of his own labor to finish the cabin in time for its use during most of the camping season.

This year the parsonage committee has worked as very few parsonage committees ever work. The decaying old board fence has been replaced with a strong new wire fence. The exterior of the parsonage was painted, much of the interior remodeled, the den completely refinished, and the garage was completely remodeled and now serves as a very wonderful family room. A fine new storage shed was built in the back yard to house tools, hoses, bicycles, and other such items. The renewed parsonage is a very comfortable home for the pastor's family and the entire church can be proud of work which has been done in this area. Our thanks to Maryann Scott and her parsonage committee, to Vic Fondy who built the fence, and to the many people who gave their time, their dollars and their toil to make this project possible.

The M.Y.F. has grown substantially during the past year. With two groups now being formed we are looking forward to even more effective work with our young people during the coming year.

The financial picture of the Church is good. In spite of some substantial spending that was not included in the original budget due to a growing concept of stewardship within the church, the financial outlook for the coming year is good. Early in May we voted to become self-supporting as of June 1 of this year. Although this will probably mean some tight times

ahead, we are approaching this as a venture of faith, and with the sincere hope that it will not mean any curtailment of program and outreach.

### **A Few Intangibles**

God so loved the world that he gave his Son to the world. Christ loved the world and served the world, and it is our task as the Church to love and serve the world.

This year the Turnagain Church has been going through the process of honestly trying to be more adequate in its understanding of its identity and its mission.

Two family retreats, led by Dick and Mary Gilbert, and sponsored by the Commission on Education have shown us the validity of these occasions for depth study and close personal involvement. They have, also, helped us to grow in our understanding of what the Church can be. Numerous small group discussions, held in private homes and some in the church, have also made their contribution in this direction.

The work of Carol Daly and her Commission on Missions has led our congregation into new areas of confrontation and witness that have been outstanding. We are coming to learn what it really means to be "A Church In Mission". Our involvement in FISH, the Welcome Center, Community Action, and other areas where we can serve not only as individuals but also as a congregation are only beginning. There is a sincere desire on the part of a growing number within our congregation to really "BE THE CHURCH", and to really be involved "WHERE THE ACTION IS".

In the fourth chapter of Second Corinthians Paul referred to the Church and to the people of the Church as earthen vessels. But as earthen vessels they contained a very special treasure. As we work in the Church we can and should be very much aware of our earthen nature; we see our shortcomings, our failures and our mistakes. However, if we also realize the amazing power and the potential which we do possess, we find it amazing what we can do. In fact, sometimes we even find it amazing to realize that within this earthen vessel called the Church we find treasure that is rich and meaningful for this complex age in which we live.

This past year has been one in which the Turnagain Church has become very much aware of its earthen nature. But it has also been a year in which we have become increasingly aware of the treasure.

## **Chugiak Methodist Church**

**John J. Shaffer, Pastor**

This has been an exciting year in many ways. We have enjoyed the fine facilities for worship and weekday programs. The new sanctuary has been an inspiration to all who share in the worship experiences. With the scenic backdrop the finest compliment this year came when someone said, "The sermon was so good this morning that I watched you instead of Mt. McKinley".

The New Life Mission in February was led by Leo Gee of Big Spring, Texas, and Robert Baker of Steubenville, Ohio. We started the week with a twelve-hour retreat. Through the experience several persons have deepened their commitment to the point where the church program is clearly improving. A new church school class for young adults is involving several new fam-

ilies, several men are organizing a visitation program with the Commission on Evangelism, a reluctant volunteer for some tasks is now an enthusiastic volunteer for the same tasks, and above all, we have caught a glimpse of the loving community to which Christ Jesus has commissioned us as Christians.

Fifteen laymen shared in an observance of the "Week of Prayer for Christian Unity" with an equal number of laymen from St. Andrew's Catholic Church at a local Catholic retreat center and monastery. Dialogue worship has proven to be an interesting and stimulating experiment during the past year. Use of the "Contemporary Service for Student Recognition Sunday" and a "Service of Prayer on Viet Nam" from Ave Maria Press were also meaningful to the congregation. We hosted the Spring Choral Festival for several churches in May. A Wednesday Evening Prayer Service has been led by the lay leader since February. A program of Lay Witness was started with Darrel Daley, Les Fetrow and Loren Rodebush giving sermons on Sunday mornings.

I was a delegate to the Assembly of the Alaska Council of Churches and an alternate delegate to the Greater Anchorage Council of Churches. I have served as the Council of Churches delegate to the Community Action Program, for whom I am now treasurer.

The local church has been involved in the Community Action Program, too. The office for Operation Grass Roots and a Neighborhood Service Center has been in the church. A community council holds its monthly meetings there. The staff person for the Service Center has assisted many persons in understanding the resources available to them from many public and private service agencies. A Head Start program for pre-schoolers will be held in the church this summer. Basic Education classes were held in the fellowship hall all year and over twenty persons graduated from the program in the Greater Chugiak Area.

Other programs of interest have been our involvement in a private kindergarten program, with seventeen graduates; five members have participated in the services provided by FISH, an answering service for help; and two members went to Fairbanks to help with the cleanup there following the flood in August, while others opened their homes to refugees.

In February a member of our church died from cancer after a long illness. Cynthia Lowe was our delegate to Annual Meeting, as well as serving in other tasks locally. The way in which she and her family responded to the possibility of death and the family's witness after death has been a moving experience for all concerned. One hundred sixty people gathered together in the sanctuary for the funeral. We sang hymns of faith "O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing" and "The Church's One Foundation" and witnessed to our joy in the possibilities of life and our faith in the eternal care of God. It has been my best experience in really understanding the Christian meaning of death. We were able to share, even in sorrow, the joys present in the lives of people who believe in God.

My volunteer service as Superintendent of Birchwood Methodist Camp have continued for another year. Over 150 children and youth participated last summer for a 50 per cent increase. The property valuation is close to \$70,000 without a watchman, etc., so this grows in importance. Groups have used the camp throughout the winter on the average of one every two weekends. The lodge can be kept warm with wood stoves at 30 below zero.



**Delegates and guests to the Annual Meeting, A.M.U.**

## Douglas Community Methodist Church

Ernest H. Jones, Pastor

Douglas, largely a residential neighborhood for Juneau, yet a city in its own right, stands in a unique relationship to Alaska's capital community. This year has seen considerable discussion of a proposal to establish a co-operative parish with the Juneau church. The possibilities of a larger ministry to the total community by the two churches *together* are intriguing and exciting!

The total program of Christian education is still our main area of service. Besides the specifically church-oriented programs, we sponsor Boy Scouts and Cubs, and provide a meeting place for Girl Scouts and Brownies. Fourteen students in thirteen colleges, and eight servicemen scattered from Texas to Vietnam, spread the influence of this church around the world.

Church school classes were held on Tuesdays last summer, instead of the usual vacation church school. The experiment was only partially successful, and we are not recommending that it be repeated this year. The Junior Choir has been practicing each week and has sung several times in the church. Increased interest has been shown in the Junior High Fellowship this year, although the Senior High group has declined somewhat. The adult Sunday School class has maintained interest throughout the year.

Stimulation from the outside came with Hugh Liggett, our missionary from Rocky River, Ohio. Events proved that the timing was wrong, but some gains were made in the spiritual life of the church while he was here, and we benefitted from the feeling of comradeship and support that comes with this kind of sharing.

The year began with a deficit of \$418; accounts are now current as of the end of April. Credit for this accomplishment belongs to the women of the church, who worked for months to prepare for a very successful bazaar in November. Some of the women also spent three days at hard labor cleaning the church thoroughly before Easter. The trustees have given careful attention to maintenance and repair of the property within the means available to pay the bills. Many hours of labor were given in finishing the second floor of the parsonage. This project, financed by the National Division, has given us two large guest rooms and a half-bath, plus abundant closed storage space.

There have been many unsung heroes and heroines in every part of the life of the church who really ought to be mentioned by name — church school teachers, choir members, musicians, board members. They are the church, and they have served well.

Some of the urgent needs, in addition to more people to share the load, include a new roof on the church, interior wall repairs and painting in the church, repairs to the parsonage roof and garage doors, and painting of the exteriors of all the buildings.

In activities beyond the local church, Rachel and I felt a real sense of stimulation and renewal in the November Pastors' School at Copper Center. The opportunity to share ideas and experiences with the other pastors and wives of the Mission was both welcome and valuable. I have continued to serve as Chairman of the Board of Christian Social Concerns and to be active in the Juneau Ministerial Fellowship. I recently completed three years



as chairman of the Program Sub-Committee of the Southeast Alaska Methodist Camp Committee.

A considerable amount of my time and energy has been consumed this year in my work with the Alaska State Community Action Program. I represent the Alaska Council of Churches on ASCAP's Board of Directors. Progress is beginning to be evident in the struggle to find ways to help some of Alaska's disadvantaged to help themselves out of their plight.

After five years in Alaska, I still consider it a privilege and a challenge to work for the Methodist church here. With the possibility of a change in appointment, I look back on five years in Douglas feeling good about some gains that have been made, and sobered by the realization of opportunities missed and problems unsolved. I look forward to some very real challenges in a new parish, and to accelerated progress for Douglas under new leadership.

## **Fairbanks First Methodist Church**

**David K. Fison, Pastor**

**L. Eugene Groves, Associate Pastor**

Our year began with Fairbanks church hosting the Annual Meeting. Delegates had opportunity also to visit Alaska's Centennial Exposition and to share our chartered steamboat ride on the Chena River. Before summer ended the peaceful Chena had become a raging flood. The Groves evacuated with 7,000 others to the U. of A. The Fison's evacuated with 4,000 to Lathrop High School. Many children were evacuated to Anchorage. Nearly every basement and most first floors were flooded. Forty refugees were housed in the church. Water missed the main floor by three inches. The parsonage main floor and the lower floors of Wesley were flooded. A week later as the waters receded, twenty-five laymen and pastors from Anchorage, Nome and Chugiak came to assist the cleanup. This was followed by seven months reconstruction of the church basement, costing nearly \$65,000. Twenty thousand dollars in volunteer labor was donated. We owe a debt of gratitude to our mission superintendent, the churches of the Mission, the Board of Missions, our entire connexional system and the work of the reconstruction committee for making our recovery possible.

We are making maximum daily use of our facilities: church offices, child care center, retarded children's school, basic adult education, Episcopal and Methodist meetings, and numerous other groups such as boy scouts, square dancing, 4-H, Agency Boards, etc. The Seventh Day Adventists expect to use two rooms weekdays beginning this fall.

In addition to our regular worship we have a united family service with the Episcopalians at 9:30. We have shared communion services on several occasions. We have introduced dialogue sermons and drama into the worship. (We sent our cast of fifteen youths to perform also at Glennallen and Palmer.)

Last summer we served refreshments on the lawn following our worship services; this year we will serve a covered dish luncheon inviting all visitors.

Our budget needs this year are \$71,000, nearly half of this to provide physical facilities. Child care center and adult education now share a portion of the expense as does the Episcopal Church since our facilities are also their parish hall. For our every member visitation this spring we prepared a slide and tape audio-visual to tell our story. It proved a very successful

educational tool. To fund landscaping and outside painting toward completing the reconstruction, we are seeking a mortgage forbearance.

In order to improve efficiency and provide a more effective ministry, our eight official meetings are now held on the same night. Our Executive Committee, composed of all Chairmen, Lay Leaders, etc., meets monthly at a noon luncheon.

"Experience in Christian Unity" was the theme of our School of Missions this year. It was developed in cooperation with the local Council of Churches and included the Catholic Bishop as speaker. It was one of the best such programs we have had and was well attended. This introduced "Living Room Dialogues" involving forty persons. This total program provided much stimulation for ecumenism in Fairbanks.

Since last October we share a United Church School Program with the Episcopal Church. Summer plans will now include the Presbyterians. Church school will be held on Wednesday mornings. This summer we participate in a United Camping program in the Fairbanks area.

Our Child Care Center, now operated by Community Action, continues to develop. Retarded Children's Kindergarten classes are held here, and we provide facilities for Basic Adult Education under the School Board. In cooperation with the local Council of Churches we share operation of an Alcoholic Rehabilitation Center. We have a very active young couples and singles group, "The Nuggets". We are conducting a Marriage Enrichment Program and promoting a new program, "Parents Without Partners". We promoted a speaker on Vietnam and a Memorial Service at Dr. Martin Luther King's assassination. The offering for Southern Leadership Conference was over \$500.

Our week of Evangelism with one minister and two layment provided great inspiration despite the -56° temperature. From their work two prayer groups emerged. We continue to maintain our radio ministry reaching into the interior of Alaska.

We gratefully share in the ecumenical progress in Fairbanks. Our united Thanksgiving service was held at the Roman Catholic Cathedral with 600 attending. The flood postponed plans for our "Uniting Church of Fairbanks". However, this has been ratified by the local Methodist, Episcopalian and Presbyterian Churches. We are now in conversation with the Roman Catholic Church. We look forward to our first Sunday morning United Worship on World Wide Communion Sunday. We hope to express our growing sense of unity with several united services this year. In the fall we plan to publish a joint monthly news letter — Methodist, Episcopal, Presbyterian and Roman Catholic. One of our Church's important contributions this year has been in promoting understanding and good will among fellow Christians in Fairbanks. We anticipate an adventurous year ahead. Peace.

## **The Methodist Church serving: Anchor Point, Homer, Ninilchik, Seldovia**

**James H. Thompson, Pastor**

### **Introduction:**

John Wesley's motto of "All the world is my parish" seemed to be the theme at the Homer Parish in the Alaska Mission for the year 1967-1968. It all began the last day of conference on June 1st, 1967 when the Mission Superintendent, Dr. M. A. Groves, assigned a fourth church to our parish.

- I. "St. Peter the Fisherman" Methodist Church of Ninilchik became the regular 9:00 a.m. Sunday Service for this year. This small and strong fishing community has had a solid core of church workers form the nucleus of its weekly activities. The activities have been few in number but there has been a good consistent core of school teachers and school institutional workers who have been a weekly part of the worship service, MYF workers and their children, WSCS participants, and the faithful few who met each Tuesday evening for a New Testament Study.
- II. Anchor Point: This fading church it LITERALLY between Homer and Ninilchik. The small handful of families who make up this log cabin church realized and recognized that they would have to tie in with their neighboring communities for any worship activities. Therefore, the pastor was able to call on a weekly basis in the homes of the Anchor Point people while he traveled the forty miles from Homer to Ninilchik each Tuesday. The future life of the Methodist Church in this community is in question.
- III. The Homer Church remains the central focal point for the whole parish. The whole townsite had a slow year economically and as a result, the church struggled along just holding its own place. However, the whole community seems to use the Methodist Church as a community tool. The pastor was asked to be chairman of the City Board of Health and is also serving on a Safety Commission for the City Council. All the teenagers in the area have felt free to use the basement of the Methodist Church as a weekend recreation hall. On Friday and Saturday evening, young people from as far as Ninilchik and Seldovia have been in attendance at the weekend dances. All year, a weekday secular kindergarten used the church basement as a pre-school facility for some twenty-four children.
- IV. Seldovia has enjoyed a brand new church building — thanks to your WSCS. In this small fishing community made up of many creeds, our church is the major active Protestant organization. The whole townsite comes out in full force whenever any church activity relates to the community families, e.g., potluck dinners.

Add to the above these two mission milestones of our parish:

On September 1st, 1967, this pastor made a religious survey of the Port Graham village, five miles southwest of Seldovia. Here is an unchurched town that the Homer pastor should call on periodically. But like Seldovia, it is only accessible by charter plane or small boat.

Mission-minded men from Muleshoe, Texas sent the Reverend J. Frank Perry to Alaska for a stimulating "Mission Week". His spirit, fresh ideas, and Christian concern for the four small churches of the Homer Parish did much to add a new appreciation of stewardship, conviction, and the common task we all have as Christians to serve The Master in all of life.

## **Juneau Methodist Church**

**Thomas H. Dahl, Pastor**

This has been a year of experimentation for Juneau Methodists. With a continuing desire to say a word for God that will be heard where we are in our time, we have become increasingly aware that a part of the problem

is that the church spends too much of its time scratching its own back. That is not in itself bad or useless or undesirable, except for two things: the back that is scratched feels less and less what is happening; and there just may be others with needs that aren't gotten around to. Our goal has been to say a word that will break through the numbness of those who have heard and heard, but "are not grieved over the ruin" of the world around them, and that will provoke and stimulate and compel those who dwell on the fringes of the church to come and see if the Lord might have something for them.

We have tried some new approaches to mission. For the first time in the history of our two churches, Juneau and Douglas Methodists are sitting down together to discuss common interests and problems. It is my personal hope that all shackles of personal interest and local defensiveness might be made secondary to the important task of leadership and other resources efficiently, and standing together with a United Methodist witness in the Capital City Area.

Our building plans took great steps this year. We have hired an architect, and preliminary sketches are being completed now. Our ambitious schedule calls for construction to begin next April. A deep sense of our mission to downtown Juneau permeates all thought and planning. We hope to provide space for a sheltered workshop for handicapped and/or retarded persons; public rest rooms and a lounge where shoppers and state employees can relax and eat lunch; a flexible, multi-purpose sanctuary that will provide intimate worship space for any size group, yet will meet social needs as well; and educational space that will meet needs for day care, a youth hostel and the church school programs. We cannot afford to build a shrine — we must afford to meet needs that nobody else is meeting, and provide a headquarters for the people of God.

We have tried to vary our approach to mission, so that new life might come to old words. During Lent we had "An Experiment in Commitment" with each Commission sponsoring a special project for the period. The pastor and church secretary, Mrs. Wilma Perkins, co-authored a one-act play, "The Cocktail Party" and presented it in the chancel prior to Maundy Thursday Communion. In the Layman's School of Religion I taught a survey of "Theology Today" and also taught a series on Harvey Cox's book, *God's Revolution and Man's Responsibility*. Resounding success was seen in "Wednesday Devotions and Lunch", which opened even further the possibilities of noon as a time for study and worship during the week.

Mass Media Ministries: Joe Alter, a long-time Juneau Methodist now living in Fairbanks, was featured in June, 1967 *Together* as an "Unusual Methodist"; the Youth Hostel was featured in *World Outlook* in January, 1968; the work of our churches and the Southeast Alaska Methodist Camp in *Methodist Story* in March; and front-page coverage in the local newspaper on a panel sponsored by the Commission on Christian Social Concerns on the Urban Renewal Issue. I host the weekly radio show, *The Word and Music*.

Past successes and failures force us to redirect our energy along the most fruitful paths open to us. We are working well together; our main limitation is lack of imagination. May God grant us the wisdom to see all the possibilities the future holds, and the strength and faith to lay hold bravely on them.

**Kenai Methodist Parish**  
**Kenai Methodist Church**  
**Tustumena Methodist Church of Christ the Victor**  
**Soldat Kriste Church**

**Robert W. Nelson, Pastor**

The Kenai Parish has grown considerably this past year. With one pastor serving the Parish, the Ninilchik Church was serviced by the Homer Parish. This allowed the pastor of the Kenai Parish to work more closely with the people in the Soldotna and Sterling areas in the establishment of the Soldat Kriste (Soldier of Christ) Church. The Soldat Kriste Church began services and church school the first Sunday in October, 1967, in the little one-room building that had originally been used by Methodists in Soldotna back in 1952. The new Parish House was completed in January, 1968, and was consecrated by Bishop Glenn R. Phillips on March 29. It will be ready for a new pastor and his family to live in shortly. The basement serves temporarily for sanctuary and church school. A total of 27 members were received into the membership by Easter Sunday, April 14, when the charter was closed and the church officially organized.

The Tustumena Church of Christ the Victor has had one of the most consistent years of service and program this last year. Although the church membership did not grow and although the community has actually lost most of its population, worship services and church school attendance were higher and more consistently held than in the last three years. A primary, a junior - senior high, and an adult class met regularly.

The Kenai Church experienced its greatest growth in several years. The community is undergoing a tremendous population boom, and the church is growing right along with it. Membership grew, attendance is higher than ever, and the education programs involved more persons than ever before. The pulse of the church could best be felt in the small group movement that has taken ahold of some within the membership and many outside it. This small group movement was the result of the Missioner Program which was held this year. Mr. Ernie Logan, a layman and the national director of the Twelve, lit the spark within a few; Dr. Earl Butz of South Dakota, Rev. Milton Weisshaar of San Diego, and Mr. Kenneth Eakin of Harrisville, Pennsylvania, sought out those in the community who were interested in small group discussion; and soon there were as many as nine small groups meeting regularly for discussion and sharing in the areas of creative family living, personal motivation, scripture study, Christian literature, personal and social faith, prayer and study and service. Some of these groups fulfill their purpose and end while others continue and grow larger until they must divide to form more groups. In all, there has been a deepening of the personal and communal commitment among those participating.

A very active and ambitious Methodist Youth Fellowship program has taken place this year under the sponsorship of the pastor. The M.Y.F. has taken upon itself the sponsorship of an International Christian Youth Exchange Student during the 1968-69 year. The Women's Society of Christian Service for the Kenai Parish has added considerably to the program of the churches especially through its own small group which meets for study.

The Kenai Parish Methodist Men's Club got underway late in the year, but when it involved many men who otherwise would not have had contact with the church.

A new development of the Kenai Parish this last year has been the Presbyterian Mariners Club. The Mariners Club, with direct affiliation to the National Presbyterian Mariners, came about because of the ecumenical focus of the Kenai Parish and because of the very great need for this Parish to develop programs in the area of family life and couples groups. In the four months of its existence, this organization has blossomed forth into one of the liveliest and most enthusiastic groups in the Parish (in fact, in the whole peninsula community!). The ecumenical stance and the opportunity which this organization provides for Christian fellowship and service have added a new openness and warmth to the Kenai Parish, its members and its constituents.

## **Ketchikan First Methodist Church**

**Walter R. Warner, Pastor**

This has been our second year at Ketchikan and in Alaska.

In June I directed the Junior High Camp at Eagle River.

In August our work camp group was here from Shreveport, Louisiana. They did an unbelievable amount of work and left a wonderful Christian Witness. Eight of them flew to Whale Pass and helped build a recreation room and chapel there and conducted a vacation school. The remaining thirty-nine painted both the Mountain Point and Clover Pass churches and conducted vacation schools at both places.

In September we were able to get the Clover Pass Church School open again and have visited it early every other Sunday morning since with a story for the children. Also in September we started an early preaching service and children's story at Mountain Point every other Sunday. At Ketchikan the format of the service has been changed and has continued until the present. A family service is held at 10:30 with children dismissed for classes before the sermon, and youth and adult classes held at the close of the service. The result has been much strengthened youth and adult departments and families learning to worship together.

In October we started first Sunday of the month trips to Whale Pass for an evening service in the new chapel (discontinued during the winter months when the logging camp was closed). We also tell a children's story there each time we visit.

In November "Uncle Walt's Story Time" started over KTKN each Saturday morning at 8:55. We tell stories out of the church school story papers, mainly human interest stories with a sprinkling of Bible Stories or stories of the "saints" and invite children and families to "attend the church and church school" of their choice.

In January a community day care center was launched in our church basement. This center, largely serving women in training for jobs so as to become self-supporting has been one of the most effective social service projects with which I have ever been connected.

"The Grounds", the coffee house opened last June, has gone strong all year. Recently they doubled their floor space getting ready for the large number of young adults that will be arriving for summer jobs soon.

All year a community-wide committee has been planning for an International Christian Youth Exchange student to arrive in July. Five churches and the high school student body share in this program.

A half-way house for alcoholics, a sheltered workshop, and a mental health clinic for Ketchikan are three other projects in the planning stage on which I have been working.

We have continued to call in the parish, much of the time together on each initial call. First Church has quite a full program of activities.

One of our most successful projects of the year has been a "School of Missions" which developed into a series of "Ecumenical Conversations", a youth section and an adult section, that met around among five churches for several weeks. Another significant event of the year was the Women's Society study, "Christ and the Faiths of Men", held jointly with two other churches.

The visits of Dr. Merlin Merrill and Mr. Ernie Logan as a part of the Alaska New Life Mission have resulted in five new small groups meeting regularly since. We expect some genuine renewal from these new fellowship groups.

## **Nome**

**Benjamin A. Laird, Pastor**

No report received.

## **Seward, Moose Pass, and Cooper Landing**

**Robert D. Bowers, Pastor**

Our family arrived in Anchorage on June 5th after a week on the road from our former parish in Wisconsin and a swift jet flight from Seattle. After staying the night at the Leo Cramer's in Anchorage we breezed down to Seward in the mission car and took up residence in the lovely parsonage amid the tremendous natural beauty of the setting of Seward. It has been a busy, exciting, interesting, and rewarding year. We hope the church and town have gained as much from us as we have gained from them.

The year began with a joint Vacation Church School held in cooperation with the Seward Lutheran Church. It was attended by about 60 children and the teachers were drawn from the congregations of both churches under the leadership of Pastor Gerald Sundby of the Lutheran Church. On the Fourth of July the church women ran a food concession in the church basement and helped feed the hungry crowd of visitors who came to watch the Marathon Runners set a new record of 44:28:02. The Salmon Derby (held the middle of each August), a tour of Methodists from outside visited Seward and were treated to a delicious Alaskan Dinner complete with moose, caribou, bear, ptarmigan, salmon, halibut, shrimp, king crab, cranberry relish, and fresh garden vegetables from the best garden in all of Alaska . . . the garden of Vic Mahan. In September some of us literally hit the roof when Jimmy Watts, chairman of the Board of Trustees, got us all to work putting on a new aluminum roof on the church. The first Sunday in September was also the start of Sunday School with the new

adult class studying the new adult material. Youth group, Woman's Society, and Choir all started meeting in September also. At Christmas time the Church School children's division sponsored a Christmas program and the choir gave a concert of sacred Christmas music for the enjoyment of all. Dr. Charles Barton of Mount Kisco, New York, was with us the first week in February for our Week of Renewal. He gave us excellent spiritual leadership which was deeply enriching to everyone. We gave him our fellowship and a sampling of about everything the weather can give us in our area. The night he arrived it was 36 below in Moose Pass. In five days the temperature had risen 75 degrees, we had received nearly a foot of snow, and six inches of rain that turned the snow to slush and the whole mess to ice. Needless to say any plans for a cooperative venture between Moose Pass and Seward were forgotten because of the impassable roads. The highlight of the entire week of renewal was the service of Communion held on the final evening at which we had the congregation and ministers in dialogue and each person served the elements to his neighbor. In March and April we prepared for the Easter event. In May we had our annual every member visitation for explanation of the program and budget and solicitation of support.

This year has been an exciting year ecumenically for me and for the church. As pastor I have participated in two ministerial fellowships. Seward has a Ministerial Association which consists of the more evangelical and less catholic churches' pastors. This association meets monthly to coordinate activities and for fellowship. There is also an Interfaith Fellowship which consists of the less evangelical and more catholic churches' pastors. The Interfaith Fellowship meets monthly for dialogue and discussion. The Interfaith Group, involving Catholic, Episcopal, and Methodist churches, has sponsored three dialogue meetings this year. These meetings explored differences and similarities related to the doctrine of the church, the doctrine of the ministry, and modes of worship. Participation of lay people in these dialogues has been good. The laymen have further explored their faith in two groups of the Living Room Dialogues Series. The Interfaith Group sponsored a Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and services were held once a day for eight days. Members of the congregations and the pastors took turns worshipping together in each other's places of worship. On Maundy Thursday evening the three congregations met for a genuine Passover supper. The ecumenical spirit is very real in Seward, especially among the three churches mentioned. The Ministerial Association sponsored union Good Friday Services for children, youth, and adults. There can be no doubt that more avenues to ecumenicity will be explored in the future as we seek ways to understand one another and make the witness for Christ stronger in Seward.

In addition to my church related activities I have been active in other areas of community life. I am now serving as Secretary of the Seward Chamber of Commerce. I will be president of the PTA next year. And, I am on the board of Wesleyan Hospital. I also serve on the Ambulance Corps and have a radio program of religious news on Radio Station KIBH. The church members are active in community affairs also, which is gratifying. One man serves on the Borough School Board; another is boy scout leader; another was president of the concert association; my wife is treasurer of



the General Hospital Board; Methodists are active everywhere, trying to make the gospel relevant in a number of ways.

Seward is still having its ups and downs economically. The Summer is a great up as tourists by the droves flock to the city to fish and hunt and sightsee. Fall and Winter seem to be great downs. Jobs fold up. People leave town. The population of Seward is as low as it has been for years. Yet, there is a promising future that keeps us all full of hope. A new chipping mill is to be built on the Bay; a new dry dock is to be built on the old Alaska Railroad dock; a smelter is in the works; a fishing fleet is hopefully headed our way from New Bedford, Massachusetts, looking for scallops and hoping to use Seward as a base of operations.

These community ups and downs are reflected in the church. The membership is lower. However, the giving has remained high. The stewardship of the people in terms of time, talent, energy and material giving is very good. Our church attendance has held at about 50% of the total membership.

We have a lot next door to the present structure and nearly \$7,000 in the bank. We hope to be able to build a building sometime in the future that will include a social hall and new educational unit. It is my dream that the building can be a united venture of several of the churches. The Lutheran, Episcopalian and Methodists all have inadequate buildings, educationally speaking. With cooperation there is no reason why we could not build a multi-purpose center to provide church school, recreational, and meeting space for those churches who feel drawn together in unity. Seward needs a more united witness as far as the Christian faith is concerned. This would be one opportunity for us to make that witness.

At Moose Pass I have conducted worship in the morning during the Summer and in the evenings during the winter months. The faithful members have kept their little church going and have given so well this year that we will end the year not owing anyone. We have shifted Sunday school from Sunday evening to Friday evening with the result of better attendance.

Early last Fall I found a group of interested people in Cooper Landing, and, until the roads got bad, I held Bible Study Classes in various homes in that area. This is a most interesting and beautiful community stretching along the Kenai Lake and river, for ten miles along the Sterling Highway. The original discussion leader, Jack Randall, left in August for Virginia where he is studying for the Episcopalian Priesthood. I took over the group until the trip became quite hazardous and many people had moved back to Anchorage or gone South for the Winter.

This has been a most enjoyable and challenging year. Alaska and particularly the Kenai Peninsula, is great country. The witness for Christ is needed here badly and we are happy to be privileged to work here and serve him. Anyone has an invitation to stop in and visit us in Seward. It's a great place to live in. Come and see us.

## **Sitka First Methodist Church**

**John R. Tindell, Pastor**

The most solid accomplishment of this past year has been the completion of the Methodist Church building in the Sitka community. The first unit type structure contains fellowship hall, kitchen, rest rooms, nursery, study and an unfinished basement which is used for some of the church school classes. The highly functional structure has added much to the stability of the Sitka congregation. Perhaps in times past we have had an edifice complex, but surely the church in our day needs some kind of an edifice from which to minister and serve a community!

A high school work camp sponsored by the Baltimore Conference came to Sitka last summer and led in a vacation church school for the children of the native community in the area. The two week school had an average attendance of just over 100 per day. The group also helped with completing the church building.

Two adult study groups have met throughout most of the year. One meets Sunday morning at the church school hour and the other meets on Sunday evening. The groups are studying the new Methodist curriculum for adults.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service continues to be an exciting part of our fellowship. The emphasis seems to be on study and service. One particularly successful activity was the showing of the movie, "Ma and Pa Kettle at Waikiki" to the residents of Sitka's Pioneer Home. The ladies watched the movie with the residents, enjoyed talking with them and served refreshments. Also, most of the ladies in the W.S.C.S. shared and gave leadership in a study course on peace and world order.

Walt Hays inspired the local ministerial association to sponsor a showing of the film, "The Ant Keeper" on local television. Several groups were set up to watch and discuss the film.

The Pastor accepted the responsibility of serving on the three-man Centennial Building Commission to administer the Sitka Centennial Building for the Sitka City Council. This activity has proven interesting and also given the pastor a chance to gain further insight into local community life.

This third year of life for the Sitka congregation might well be termed a year of emerging selfhood. The community in general became aware of the church, with the completion of the building. The church grew in self understanding and awareness of community and world needs. In every way a new congregation is being established, rooted and in the process of growth.

## **BOARD OF CHRISTIAN SOCIAL CONCERNS**

**Ernest H. Jones, Chairman**

Concern for the needs and welfare of persons has always been a primary characteristic of Methodists. We cannot begin to enumerate the many problem areas that confront Alaska Methodists in 1968, but in this statement we lift up a few topics which we consider worthy of specific consideration. We call upon all our people to implement these paragraphs by any feasible means, including direct personal action, local church action, letters to legislators, congressmen, or other government officials, and cooperation with the programs of private and government agencies.

We recommend that the Social Creed of The United Methodist Church be presented orally or in printed form to every congregation at least once a year and that frequent reference be made to it. We further recommend that every local congregation of the Alaska Mission take seriously its responsibility and opportunity to help make the Social Creed a living document of hope and Christian love in its community.

## **I. ALCOHOL PROBLEMS AND GENERAL WELFARE**

### **Alcohol**

1. We commend the work of the Alaska State Office on Alcoholism and urge the adoption of the thirteen recommendations of the State Advisory Board on Alcoholism.

2. We urge each church in the Alaska Mission to work closely with the Office on Alcoholism in evaluating, planning, and perhaps initiating alcoholism programs in an attempt to head off Alaska's greatest unmet health problem, which is also one of her greatest social problems.

3. One of the major drawbacks to further development of programs in the area of alcoholism education, prevention, and treatment has been the lack of specific funding. The Alcoholic and Narcotic Addict Rehabilitation Amendments of 1968 (H.R. 15281), introduced by Representative Staggers, would provide grants-in-aid to states for the construction, operation, staffing, and maintenance of specialized residential and treatment facilities, such as "Halfway Houses, Day-care centers, and hostels" for adequate alcoholism and narcotic addiction educational and preventive programs; for considerable improvement of existing community programs; for extension of community mental health services; and for research, planning and training of personnel. In order, however, to allow for greater freedom in development planning and coordination of alcoholism programs, funding should be made to the States through state offices on alcoholism rather than through mental health offices. With this latter notation, we urge the adoption of this legislation and recommend to our churches and constituencies its support.

### **Family Court**

We commend Judge Harold J. Butcher for his study and concern for marriage conciliation. From his study of divorce and legal separation proceedings in all judicial districts of the State of Alaska (Sept.-Dec. 1967) he found that "substantially 65 per cent or better of the applicants for divorce queried during divorce hearings would have requested professional marriage counseling and were of the opinion that professional counseling might have helped solve their marriage problems prior to resorting to the divorce court." As a first step in meeting the problem with constructive action, we urge the Chief Justice (The Honorable Buell A. Nesbett) of the Alaska State Supreme Court to employ a professional marriage counselor to be attached to the Family Court Division of the Superior Court at Anchorage.

### **Community Action**

We recommend to the local churches of the Alaska Mission the establishment of close ties between the church as a redemptive community and the educational and action-centered groups of the local community. The local church can serve to evaluate community programs, to channel its people into service areas, and initiate community action projects.

## **II. PEACE AND WORLD ORDER**

### **Viet Nam**

In view of the fact that peace negotiations have begun, we commend our government for present progress toward peace and urge a continuation of efforts toward de-escalation and settlement in Viet Nam. We recognize that these efforts will take time. We believe that the settlement should lead to a withdrawal of *all* foreign troops from South Viet Nam and leave the people of Viet Nam with a government of their own free choice.

### **United Nations**

We favor the continued support of the United Nations in its many levels of health, children's work, human rights and welfare, refugees' aid, and aid to underdeveloped nations. We favor a gradual increase in the American commitment to the United Nations toward the effective prevention of war through arbitration and observation.

We request that the Methodist Board of Christian Social Concerns organize an Alaskan Committee for the United Nations.

### **Peace Corps**

We favor the continuation and expansion of the Peace Corps because we feel that this form of aid is effective and urge that time spent in the Peace Corps be applied against military service time.

### **Selective Service**

We support all persons in matters of conscience, especially those subject to Selective Service, whether they take a completely passive position, declaring themselves as Conscientious Objectors, or are opposed only to participating in what they consider an "unjust war", or while serving in the Armed Forces come to either of the above positions, that their consciences be respected and provisions be made for alternative service; that this hold true for all persons whether their decision is based on religious grounds or on grounds of conscience alone.

We urge each local church to work in their respective communities toward cooperative establishment of a "counseling center for prospective draftees, especially making available information on alternative services.

## **III. HUMAN RELATIONS AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS**

### **Crisis in the Nation**

We commend to our churches the study of the book *Crisis In America* in an attempt to prepare our mobile membership for more responsible discipleship in this time of urban crisis.

### **Discrimination**

Discrimination against any person because of his race, creed, or national origin is contrary to our Christian faith and is specifically condemned by the Discipline of our Church, by our Social Creed, and by our historic background. Such discrimination is deplorable wherever it occurs; it often exists in clubs, societies, and in social and fraternal organizations. It is the responsibility of the church as a body, and of its members individually, to actively and vigorously seek the end of discrimination wherever and whenever it may exist, and in whatever form it may take.

We therefore call for the end of discrimination because of creed, color, or national origin in the membership of any and all clubs, societies, and social and fraternal organizations.

Individual members of the United Methodist Church should examine the rules and practices, the traditions and informal understandings within any club, society, social or fraternal organization of which they are members or of which their families are members, and if such discrimination exists in any of them, actively and vigorously seek to end the discrimination, even at the risk of the individual's losing his membership; and consider resigning from such group if such discrimination exists and it appears it will continue to exist despite active and vigorous efforts to end it.

Individual members of the United Methodist Church should examine the rules and practices of any club, society, social or fraternal organization of which they are asked to become members, and if discrimination exists, to refrain from becoming members of any such discriminatory organization, unless they first openly state that if they become members of such a group, they will actively, vigorously, and continuously seek to end discrimination within it.

This statement will be circulated to all members of the United Methodist Church in Alaska, to the General Board of Christian Social Concerns of the United Methodist Church, to the press and to the public.

### **Government**

We recommend that Alaska Methodists accept their full responsibility as citizens in this crucial election year.

1. We urge each individual to participate fully in political party affairs.
2. We continue to urge qualified people to run for elective office.
3. We suggest each church cooperate with other groups to clarify issues and to inform citizens in laws for registration and voting.

### **Human Rights**

Attention is called to the International Year for Human Rights, 1968. We urge fullest participation in the 20th Anniversary of the adoption by the United Nations of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

1. Each local church should urge its membership to press the United States Senate to ratify more of the U.N. Covenants on Human Rights since it has adopted only the single covenant on forced labor.
2. Eliminate segregation and discrimination within our own churches.

### **VISTA and MUST**

We commend the efforts of workers in programs such as VISTA and the inner-city workers of the Methodist Church and urge expansion of such programs to include training of residents within the areas served who will in turn act as instructors within their neighborhoods.

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

Eugene H. Walters, Chairman

The work of the Board of Education in the Alaska Mission is centered around the work of Walter Lee Hays, our Executive Secretary. We do appreciate his imaginative leadership and are continually inspired by his introduction of new and creative ideas. Our board, working through its Executive Committee, was concerned with several areas of work this year.

In our concern to continually improve and support the camping program in our state we have urged the practice of early recruitment of counselors throughout our congregations. While the promotional material was not received as early as hoped, it was effective where it was used. Training of counselors is to be continued in each camp area as time schedule allows.

The drop in enrollment at our summer camps reflects several problems. The problem of travel time and cost plagues those planning camps in S.E. Alaska, Fairbanks and Nome. Another problem is the lack of personal recruitment on the part of the local church. The number of campers and counselors usually directly reflect the interest in promotion taken in the local congregation.

The temporary committee authorized by the 1967 Annual Meeting to establish cooperative camping in the Fairbanks area has met and has made its recommendation to the Western Area Camp Committee. Action on this will be taken at this Annual Meeting.

Of great concern is the lack of concern shown by most of our churches on either receiving a special offering for Christian Education Sunday or including it in their unified budget.

The following amounts indicate the fall of receipts: \$346 in 1966; \$254 in 1967; and \$111 in 1968. As this is a major source of support for our state education program you will be called upon to give this more serious attention this coming year.

We are especially pleased that the Audio-Visual Library has been cleaned up and brought up to date. While this has improved the condition and quality of the AV's, there is room for improvement on the technique of keeping records and follow-up procedures.

With the advent of the new youth curriculum this fall, we were pleased that both Walt Hays and Don Hartman could attend the National Orientation program in Nashville this spring. This should provide two resource counselors available to churches throughout the Mission who wish to plan local church training seminars.

It is certainly encouraging to see the elements of inter-denominational cooperation growing throughout our state. Leaders in this field seem to be Fairbanks and Ketchikan where church school and youth programs are being carried on jointly. Our hope that our experiment in inter-denominational summer camping both at Birchwood and in the newly organized North Central Harding Lake program, will increase cooperative programs. It is encouraging to see the increased use of buildings and facilities for community needs throughout the mission. This is especially true at Fairbanks, Chugiak and Ketchikan.

The growing interest in adult education helped by our new adult curriculum is encouraging. Leadership schools were held in Sitka, Juneau

and Anchorage with varying degrees of success. Earlier planning and promotion should bring greater participation and schools in new areas should be planned.

The following recommendations should be kept in mind for your local church planning:

1. A special congregation-wide offering should be taken for Christian Education Sunday on September 29 or other Sunday designated by your church and the funds forwarded to the Conference Treasurer by October 15.
2. Special attention be given to promoting the camping program within your church. Most young people will not attend without encouragement.
3. MYFund should continue to be encouraged in each local church.
4. Alaska Methodist University should be recognized often in our churches with special attention given to AMU Sunday (recommended for January) when an offering should be taken or budgeted for AMU.
5. Your calendar should include the following programs:  
 June 9—Methodist Student Day (Special Offering)  
 Sept. 22 - 28—a person from the COCU Task Force will hold special meetings in Juneau, Fairbanks and Anchorage on "Consultations on Youth Ministry", a follow-up  
 Sept. 29—Christian Education Sunday (special offering)  
 October 13 - 19—Robert Short, author of "Gospel According to Peanuts", to be in Alaska holding a lecture tour.  
 December 29—Student Recognition Sunday  
 January—AMU Month  
 February—Leadership Schools  
 May 4 - 11—National Family Week
6. A goal of 100 serious hours of study per year per person in our churches (children, youth and adult) would serve to deepen spiritual growth and help strengthen Christian stewardship.

### PROPOSED BUDGET

Income	1968-69	1967-68
World Service and Finance.....	\$2,600.00	\$2,620.00
Advance Special.....	1,200.00	1,200.00
A.V. Library Income.....	200.00	180.00
MY Fund Return (15% of local gifts).....	50.00	50.73
Christian Education Sunday.....	300.00	111.64
Special Gift.....		100.00
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	\$4,350.00	\$4,262.37
 Expenditures	 1968-69	 1967-68
AV Purchases.....	\$ 500.00	\$ 457.57
AV Maintenance.....	150.00	93.86
Leadership Education.....	1,250.00	1,470.75
Resource.....	200.00	163.86
Student Work.....	250.00	324.57
Camping Grants.....	2,000.00	1,750.00
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	\$4,350.00	\$4,260.61

# ALASKA METHODIST UNIVERSITY

**Frederick P. McGinnis, President**

## **INFORMATION PROFILE: May 28, 1968**

**BUDGET:** The Board of Trustees approved a budget of \$2,200,000 for the budget year 1968-69. This figure includes the current operating, current restricted, and auxiliary budgets. The endowment of the University is now \$620,000.

**ENROLLMENT:** 1,065 different students (1967 Summer Sessions and 1967-68 Academic Year); 576 Fall Semester 1967-68 and 666 Spring Semester 1967-68 (full and part-time students).

**FINANCIAL AIDS:** 296 individual students received the following financial aid:

\$ 84,000 scholarships and grants

\$150,000 loans

\$125,000 student employment

**LIBRARY:** 60,000 volumes, including books, bound periodicals, and U.S. Government documents.

**FACULTY:** 47 full-time and 20 part-time. New faculty beginning 1968-69: Marianna Bunker, Ph.D., associate professor of Education; Martin S. Irwin, M.S., director of men's residences and instructor of Mathematics;

Charles Konigsberg, Ph.D., professor of Political Science;

Skipper Martin, M.B.A., instructor of Economics and Business;

Beulah Miller, Ed.D., dean, college of Nursing and professor of Nursing;

Ingeborg Urcia, Ph.D., assistant professor of English.

**TUITION:** \$600 per semester for full-time student, effective September 1, 1968.

**DEGREES AWARDED, 1968:** 58 Bachelor of Arts, 1 Bachelor of Science, 8 Master of Arts in Teaching, and two honorary degrees: Stanley Sebastian Kresge, Doctor of Humane Letters, and Rafael Boissen, Doctor of Divinity.

**COLLEGE OF NURSING:** A College of Nursing is authorized to begin this year. Dean Beulah Miller arrives in the summer.

## **1957 - 58 — AMU'S TEN EXCITING YEARS — 1968 - 68**

1957 — The University was chartered by the Territorial Legislature and Board of Trustees elected.

1958 — The campus was dedicated: 505 Acres within Anchorage.

1959 — The Cornerstone of the Academic Building was laid.

1960 — Opened for classes.

1964 — Awarded full accreditation.

1965 — College of Business Administration and Economics begun.

1966 — Started Master of Arts in Teaching program.

1968 — Plan to start College of Nursing in September.

## **THE 1967 - 68 YEAR**

**STUDENTS SERVED:** From the fall of 1960 through the present 1967-88 term 3,700 different students have been served.

During the 1967-68 term: 1,065 different students enrolled.



**GRADUATES TO DATE:** 250 students have been graduated through the 1967 commencement and the 1968 commencement will bring the total graduates to date to 320. The A.B., B.S. and Masters degrees are awarded.

**FACILITIES DEVELOPMENT:** Six permanent building projects have been completed to date: Classroom-Administration, Student Center, Apartment Building, Two Residence Halls and Faculty Housing projects have been completed at a cost of more than \$5,000,000. In addition utility, roadway, parking and other developments are valued at more than \$2,000,000.

**ENDOWMENT FUND:** Value of the endowment fund this current year is approximately \$650,000. A minimum goal for this fund is \$1,000,000 with plans to increase the endowment to \$3,000,000 within ten years.

**LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT:** The library collection presently stands at 50,000 carefully selected volumes and 400 regular periodicals. Plans are underway to provide a permanent library building to house a collection of over 300,000 volumes with related facilities.

**FACULTY:** From a beginning faculty membership of 12 in 1960 the University now has 44 full time members and 13 part-time members for a total faculty membership for the 1967-68 years of 57.

## **METHODIST STUDENT MOVEMENT**

### **Alaska Methodist University**

**Gary Holuthaus, Walter Hays, Adult Advisors**

The Methodist Student Movement at Alaska Methodist University has had little formal structure this year but has been actively involved in the total life of the campus through several significant projects and special emphasis.

Attendance at scheduled meetings has ranged from sixty to forty. A series of discussion programs was held in the fall — the film "Parable" was shown, a dialogue on Marshall McLuhan was held and a special guest, Dr. George Jordan, minister of the Wesley Foundation at the University of Washington, led a discussion on "Ethics Today".

With the help of AMU, the Mission WSCS, and the Board of Education, two students and three adults were able to attend the MSM-UCM regional conference held in Seattle in early September. During Christmas vacation Pisila Taufe'ulungaki was the only Alaskan student to attend the "Cleveland Week" conference of the newly organized University Christian Movement. We were pleased that she was able to share this rare experience and the concerns of the special seminar on the "impact of technology" that she attended at the conference in both student and local church settings in Anchorage and Fairbanks. Travel to this significant conference was underwritten by AMU and the WSCS of First Methodist Church.

The high point of the year was the visit of B. J. Stiles, Editor of *Motive* magazine. His visit had had to be postponed twice in the past and was a joint project of the MSM and the Newman Club with A.S.A.M.U. His lectures on "Man's Search for Meaning" and "The Artist" were well received by both the university and larger community. The art exhibit of the work of Sister Mary Corita and Robert Hodgell provided an excellent

focal point for a discussion of the contemporary arts and the Christian faith.

During Christmas vacation a sledding party was held for both students and AMU alumni and several students made the annual pilgrimage to Mt. Aleyeska for Easter Sunrise Service.

Although the structure of the MSM this year has been quite informal, and project oriented, we feel that the ad hoc committees have been responsible in their planning and follow-through. We have deeply appreciated the support of Lydia Hays, Conference WSCS Campus Ministry secretary, the local churches of Anchorage, and the faculty and administration of AMU as we have served with the group.

## **WESLEY FOUNDATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA**

**Eugene Groves, Director**

Wesley Student House at the University of Alaska has completed its fourth year with a positive ecumenical stance. It has operated this year completely within the format of the United Campus Christian Fellowship, a group composed of Presbyterians, Episcopalians, Roman Catholics as well as Methodists. After the visit of George Jordan, Wesley Foundation Director at the University of Washington in Seattle, and of B. J. Stiles, Editor of Motive Magazine, each of them suggested following the ecumenical posture as a better format for a small school like the University of Alaska and as a wiser venture in light of the close cooperation which now exists in various forms between the various church groups on campuses and throughout the denominations at large. H. D. Bollinger in his letter of March 8th also said "it seems to me as I read your letter, you really should be an accredited interdenominational unit."

Our year started last June when I attend the National Campus Minister's Conference at Michigan State University in East Lansing, Michigan. The men there were very much concerned with the evolving role of the campus minister. They felt that his ministry should not be limited to the student body, but should also include the faculty, administration and the whole university community. The role of the campus minister includes promoting discussion between the various academic disciplines, raising questions of ultimate value, relevance, and meaning to humanlife. He should also be concerned with the relationship between the students and the administration, administration and faculty, and faculty and students. These concerns are in addition to the campus pastor's usual counseling, ministering, and teaching role in the university community.

We arrived in Fairbanks in time to see the effect of an average year's rainfall in one week. Along with seven thousand people, also many dogs, we evacuated to the university to wait the waters receding. There was only seven feet of water in the Wesley House basement and four feet of water in the new Wesley Room. We were lucky because there was no severe structural damage to the house. But still much time, effort, and money has been expended to almost restore the house to its pre-flood condition. We have yet to repair the furnace room floor which has sunk about four inches. The house was not useable for student programs until after the middle of January, when the major portion of flood damage was completed.

Immediately after the flood, Jim Miller and Donna Snow and I attended the M.S.M. - U.C.M. Conference at the University of Washington in Seattle. Under the general theme of "Futureology" we discussed the dynamic thrust of the new university movement.

The inconvenient timing of the flood did hurt the programming of Wesley and U.C.C.F. We started off the year with a program featuring Walt Hays attended by over 75 students. But our concern for winter-proofing buildings for -55° led to a lack of program planning time. But even with our winter-bound preoccupation, we were able to keep programs going for our Friday Coffee House, the Sunday Evening Meetings and after the middle of January start a Bonhoeffer study class on Thursday evenings. In the fall, in cooperation with A.M.U., we were able to sponsor a visit to the University by George Jordan of the University of Washington, but we had to cancel a retreat planned in connection with his visit. In the spring we again cooperated with A.M.U. in bringing B. J. Stiles, editor of Motive Magazine, to the University along with an art show featuring the work of Robert Hodgell and Sister Mary Corita. We also sponsored a three meeting series, titled, "Is Christianity Relevant for Modern Intelligent Man?", featuring speakers from the university faculty of Philosophy, Physics and Psychology. We also dealt with social issues of race relations, drugs on campus, technology, politics, the peace corps, and Viet Nam. We also engaged the conservative Christians on campus in formal conversation twice, viewed the work of Christian missions in the near East and heard the report of Pisila Taufeulungaki on her trip to Process '67 in Cleveland during Christmas recess. We also sponsored three Hootenanies in our effort to minister to the whole man. In the spring we were also able to start a small faculty discussion group.

Perhaps the most significant development in the year is the cooperative relationship between the churches in the U.C.C.F. A United Campus Christian Ministry Foundation board has been set up. The three Methodist representatives on the board are Dr. Bruce Gordon, Professor John Turner, and Rev. Walter Lee Hays, Jr. The board, in a recent meeting, made a request from the Episcopalians and Presbyterians for cash support (the Episcopalians have voted \$3,500.00 to support the U.C.C.F. this year and the Presbyterians are asking for \$5,500.00 from their Presbytery) and are asking the Methodists to release the Wesley Director with pay for full time campus work starting in the fall. The Roman Catholics have volunteered a full time lay person, who has a M.Th. to work with U.C.C.F. as a religious program coordinator.

Wesley House has continued its working relationship with the B.I.A. this spring in providing housing for the native students as they return home from school in the lower '48 and who, because of schedules, have to stay overnight in Fairbanks. Around 130 boys will be staying at Wesley House, watched over by the Women's Society of Christian Service of First Methodist Church in Fairbanks and the President of U.C.C.F., this week during our conference.

There have been three meetings of the Wesley Board during the year. They have followed closely the process leading up to the recommendation

by the U.C.C.F. Board for a United campus ministry. They have approved of the U.C.C.M.F. constitution as a working document as we enter into a closer working relationship with the other denominations on the University campus. The Board's help has been invaluable and their encouragement strengthening during our flood recovery and our ecumenical venturing time.

This has been a very frustrating year because building and property have demanded so much time due to flooding and our harsh winter. It has been a rewarding year with the developing cooperative relationship between the Episcopalians, Catholics, Presbyterians, Methodists, and Lutherans. It has been a fulfilling year in the development of faculty and student friendships.

#### **Program**

Office, Postage, Printing.....	\$ 300.00	
Secretary.....	450.00	
Program.....	450.00	
Food.....	200.00	
Miscellaneous.....	200.00	
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#### **Repairs and Upkeep**

Repairs.....	\$ 125.00	
Custodian.....	200.00	
Garbage.....	36.00	
Salt for Softener.....	100.00	
Landscaping.....	100.00	
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#### **Utilities**

Electricity.....	\$ 660.00	
Telephone.....	200.00	
Fuel.....	720.00	
Other.....	125.00	
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#### **Director**

Salary.....	\$7,120.44	
Car Allowance.....	1,500.00	
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\$12,486.44

# SOUTHEAST ALASKA AREA CAMP

Charles B. Wilson, Chairman

This year the camp experienced a slight increase in camper days from last year and as the facilities continue to be developed a greater increase is expected in future years. Of a total of 2,045 camper days, 576 were Methodist week camps, 931 other than Methodist week camps and 538 one or more day camps, both Methodist and others. Nineteen different individuals and groups used the camp during the year.

The camp fee was \$22.50 per camper per week. The cook and manager was provided for the second year.

## Financial Summary as of December 3, 1967:

	Facility Fund	Reserve Fund
Facilities		
Balance on hand, checking.....	\$ 904.10	
Savings .....		\$ 521.61
Receipts		
National Missions .....	\$4,805.70	
Juncau Area Program Fund.....		515.14
Interest on Savings.....		42.16
Cash Discount .....	110.25	
Total Available .....	\$5,820.05	\$1,078.91
Disbursements .....	\$5,705.48	
Balance in Checking.....	\$ 114.57	
Balance in Savings.....		\$1,078.91
Program		
Balance on hand, checking.....		\$1,298.66
Receipts		
Alaska Mission — program.....	\$ 875.00	
Alaska Mission — transportation....	150.00	
Camp fees .....	4,396.79	
Miscellaneous .....	31.48	
Total available .....		\$6,751.93
Disbursements .....		\$5,516.17
Balance on hand, checking.....		\$1,235.76

On behalf of the S.E. Alaska Area Camp Committee I wish to thank Dr. Groves and Reverend Walter Hays for their support and leadership during this past year. Although we did not have a full meeting of all S.E. representatives this year, Reverend Thomas Dahl visited Ketchikan and Sitka and met with members of both churches interested in camping and with the Ministerial Fellowship of both areas. One of the main reasons for visiting Sitka and Ketchikan was to promote the ecumenical H.S. camp which is scheduled to start the third of June.

A special thanks also goes to the National Board of Missions for their continued financial support of the camp and especially for the \$17,000 allocated this year for building and maintenance of the S.E. Alaska camp.

### **Program Sub-Committee Report, 1967**

**Ernest H. Jones, Chairman**

**Junior Camp — John Tindell, director**

June 11 - 17 — 37 campers, 6 staff

Theme: "Exploring in God's World"

Perhaps our most successful camp. The fresh enthusiasm of youngsters this age leads to a delightful experience for campers and counselors.

**Junior High Camp — Walter Warner, director**

June 25 - July 1 — 15 campers, 4 staff

Theme: "Camping Together As Christians"

With tarps and ponchos, this camp proved that cookouts and other outdoor activities can be done, even in rainy Southeast! The small size of the camp helped make Christian fellowship a reality.

A good cook, Mrs. Emil Engel, and a very helpful camp manager, Harold Carter, contributed much to the success of these camps.

**Senior High Camp — Thomas Dahl, director**

June 18 - 24 — 3 campers, 1 staff

A first for Southeast: a trail camp, hiking 10 miles to Berner's Bay, camping out along the way. It was a good experience in breaking trail, using maps and compass, and learning to depend on each other.

**Family Camp — Ernest Jones, director**

September 1 - 4 — 57 campers, 6 staff

Theme: "The Responsible Christian Family"

Adults and teenagers joined in discussions of the theme from the National Family Life Conference. Some camp improvement work was done.

**1968 Camps:**

June 2 - 8 — Ecumenical Senior High Camp

August 11 - 17 — Junior Camp; Walter Warner, director

August 18 - 24 — Junior High Camp; John Tindell, director

August 30 - September 2 — Family Camp

### **FACILITY SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT, 1967**

**Dwayne E. Storley, Chairman**

The year 1967 has seen some major improvements made to the facilities of the camp at Eagle River near Juneau, Alaska. Some contract labor and many hours of donated labor by members of the Juneau and Douglas Methodist churches have gone into the camp this past year. There remains a lot of work to be done to bring our present facilities to full utilization in our camping program.

**KITCHEN:** Thirty-seven feet of base cabinets with formica tops and sliding doors were constructed with donated labor. This has provided much needed storage and counter space for food preparation and food serving. It has made cleanup much easier and improved the appearance of the kitchen.

- DINING ROOM:** The dining room has been paneled with donated labor and one hundred folding chairs and fifteen round tables were purchased. The tables did not arrive in time for this camping season but are now here for next season. Work continued on the fireplace and it is hoped this will be completed before long. Window casings and door casings remain to be put on. This has given the room a more finished look and the new tables should improve seating at meals and also add to programs conducted in the room.
- KITCHEN AND DINING ROOM:** New asphalt shingles were purchased for this building and were laid by donated labor. This improved the looks of the building and also stopped leaks in the roof.
- WASH AND DRY HOUSE:** The first phase of this building was completed prior to the opening of camp this season. This work consisted of the installation of four showers, eight wash basins and concreting the entire floor and installation of a propane hot water heater. This work was done by contract with the camp purchasing the materials directly. This first phase of the wash and dry building has provided a much needed facility at the camp and was appreciated by the campers and counselors.
- OLD KITCHEN BUILDING:** This building has been reworked on the inside and is nearly complete at this time. This work included insulation, plywood paneling, cupboards, self-contained water system, cooking facilities and gas lights. This work is being done by donated labor. The building is being used by one person during the winter months as caretaker or watchman's quarters. This building can now be used as quarters for the camp manager during the summer camping season.
- DRIVEWAYS:** About one-half of the driveways in the camp area have received new gravel surfacing. It is hoped that the rest of the driveways will be gravel surfaced in the spring. This work is being done with donated labor and is a big improvement as it rains quite often in Southeast Alaska.
- CAMP MANAGER** This is the second year we have furnished a full-time camp manager during the camping season. Mr. Harold Carter served in this capacity this summer and did a tremendous job in keeping the facilities in order and operating during the camp season. He also made many small improvements to the various buildings at the camp. This has been a big help in operating the camp and has relieved a lot of responsibility of the local camp committee.
- COOK:** This is the second year in which a full-time cook has been provided for the camping season. This has worked quite well even though the present quarters provided are not adequate.
- CARETAKER OR WATCHMAN:** This is the first year we have had a person stay at the camp during the winter months. This has been talked about for some time and this fall we received a proposal from Mr. Don Fisher who wanted no pay, but only a place to live. As our facilities become better equipped the use of persons of this type will be needed and not as much confusion will be encountered as now.
- CONCLUSIONS:** This has been a rather good year for work accomplished at the Southeast Alaska Methodist Camp. Our camp is rather unique in that we are on land leased from the U.S. Forest Service. The present lease expires in 1979. For this reason our camp must be made available

to camping groups other than Methodist. We are now providing a full-time manager, cook and all food and recreational equipment. In order to keep groups coming back we must provide all the services and personnel and they have to be good when we are serving the public so to speak. We have reached a point in our facilities where we cannot maintain them with Methodist camps alone and additional facilities are needed to meet the demands of the groups who use our camp. This year also saw more requests for use of the camp during weekends in the late fall and early winter. This is a new area opening up in the use of our camp and we believe winter camping should be encouraged. This will involve some remodeling of our present buildings and a new look at any future building construction. This will also affect our budget requirements.

I want to say thanks to the members of the Juneau and Douglas Methodist churches who donated many hours of labor to the camp this past year. It is greatly appreciated.

## WESTERN AREA CAMPING

Leo C. Cramer, Chairman

Camper Report for Summer of 1967:

Senior High Work Camp		
James Thompson, Dean	6 Campers	June 5 - 9
Junior Camp I		
Max Cramer, Dean	22 Campers	June 24 - 30
Family Camp		
Eugene Walters, Dean	26 Campers	July 1 - 4
Junior High Camp		
Don Hartman, Dean	56 Campers	July 15 - 21
Junior Camp II		
Leo C. Cramer, Dean	44 Campers	July 29 - Aug. 4
Senior High Weekend		
Gary Holthaus, Dean	18 Campers	Aug. 11 - 13

Staff: Mrs. Pen Lee, Cook; Mr. Darrel Daley, Manager; and Miss Cathy Wilson, Lifeguard.

Church	Campers	Counselors
Anchor Park	6	1 (Does not include Family Camp)
East Anchorage	2	1
Anchorage First	8	4
St. John	7	0
Turnagain	12	0
Chugiak	17	2
Fairbanks	16	6
Homer	3	2
Kenai	27	1
Nome	39	3
Seward	0	1
Jesse Lee Home	2	2
Other	7	2
Permanent Staff	0	9
	146	34



## IMPROVEMENTS:

1. New bridge and boating-swimming dock built by youth from the Terre Haute District M.Y.F., led by Rev. Ray Rhoda.
2. Contract for finishing of camp road graveling and will be completed for 1968 camping season.
3. One new aluminum boat purchased.
4. One new cabin built by men from Turnagain Methodist.
5. Extensions for bunk beds installed. Bed capacity is now up to 100 persons. Tent platforms painted for greater preservation.

The two summer volunteers, Mollie Bynum and Tom Albright, were greatly appreciated and added much to the camping program.

We are moving into the area of Cooperative Camping Programs this summer. Youth will register at Birchwood Camp from several Anchorage and South-Central Alaska churches which are not Methodist. This may include the American Baptist, Christian Methodist, Episcopal, Disciples of Christ, Presbyterian, and others. This cooperative arrangement will also occur in Fairbanks where Methodist youth will register in similar camps there. Arrangements on staff for every six campers at Birchwood have also been made.

\$1,000.00 has been received from the Terre Haute District M.Y.F.'ers for a shower house fund at Birchwood.

Winter retreats are on an increase at Birchwood with twenty-two groups using the camp during the past year. The road is kept clear of snow all winter. Rates for this activity are \$5.00 per day per group plus \$.75 per person per night. Over 500 persons have used the camp during the past winter season. John Shaffer, Camp Superintendent, continues to coordinate this program throughout the year.

Financial statement on actual expenditures will appear in the Mission Treasurer's Report as all finances are handled through the Mission Office.

## 12-MONTH BUDGET, 1968 - 1969

### ANTICIPATED INCOME FOR 1968-69 CAMPING SEASON (Program)

Program Grant from Division.....	\$ 800.00
Conference Benevolences .....	800.00
(or less depending on Fairbanks)	
Camper Registrations .....	4,500.00
(180 at \$25 each)	
(or more, depending on cooperation of other churches. So far, one registration.)	
Funds for telephone.....	125.00

**\$5,425.00**

### ANTICIPATED PROGRAM EXPENSES

Food .....	\$2,500.00
Cook Salary .....	850.00
Cook's Assistant .....	300.00
Dishwasher .....	150.00
Program Specials (insurance, materials, publicity) .....	600.00

Counselor Expenses .....	150.00
Lifeguard .....	200.00
Manager .....	450.00
Telephone .....	225.00

\$5,425.00

#### ANTICIPATED DEVELOPMENT FUNDS FOR CAMPING YEAR 1968 - 1969

Development Fund Balance .....	\$ 0
Program Grant to Development.....	1,600.00
Division Maintenance Grant.....	2 000.00
Division Vehicle Grant.....	1,200.00
Division Electricity Grant.....	600.00

\$5,400.00

#### ANTICIPATED DEVELOPMENT EXPENSES

Vehicle Expenses .....	\$1,200.00
Road Improvement .....	1,600.00
Electricity .....	600.00
Manager's Salary .....	350.00
Items to be done with balance.....	1,650.00

\$5,400.00

Maintenance of Equipment and Buildings  
Tool Purchase  
Tent and Platform Repair  
Electric Line Installation  
Kitchen Equipment  
Water Line Installation  
Contingency

#### ONLY CHANGES FOR 7-MONTH BUDGET

Telephone cost would be \$126 instead of \$225;  
Electricity would be \$350 instead of \$600;  
Vehicle would be \$700 instead of \$1,200;  
Road Maintenance would be less, as set by committee.

## BOARD OF EVANGELISM

David K. Fison, Chairman

### EXPANSION OF EVANGELISM EXCHANGE PROGRAM

1. We recommend that each parish of the Alaska Mission consider identifying with one other parish of the Mission in a program of creative involvement between the two parishes for the 1968 - 1969 year.
2. That this involvement include a week of "Evangelistic" exchange as one of several involvements designed to assist, encourage exchange ideas and establish a bond between them.
3. That the week of evangelism be scheduled at the discretion of each local church in consultation with their sister parish.
4. That for the exchange, each parish consider sending not only their pastor but also one or more lay persons to share in this program.

5. That each local parish plan to underwrite the cost of transportation in sending their "missionaries" to their sister parish and that distance be kept in mind in making the choice of a sister parish (limited funds are available through the superintendent's office for transportation assistance where real financial need is evident).
6. That the superintendent and a sub-committee of the Board of Evangelism make the assignment of sister parishes after receiving first, second and third choices from each minister after that minister consults with his lay members.
7. That the sister parishes work together in determining their respective programs in evangelism and other activities such as sending choral or dramatic groups to their sister parish.
8. That all such shared programs or ideas be communicated to the Board of Evangelism chairman for circulation throughout the Mission to stimulate similar responses between the sister parishes.

### **Other Recommendations**

**SMALL GROUP ACTIVITY** — We continue to encourage small group sharing activity in the local church as one of the most effective approaches of deepening commitment and developing effective and capable discipleship.

### **Resolution Regarding the 1970 Program of Evangelism**

That we request the Board of Mission to request the National Board of Evangelism to appoint the Director of Alaska's 1970 Winter Evangelism Program at an early date, and that this director be invited to present the program he plans to promote at the next Annual Meeting of the Alaska Mission.

**RESOLUTION:** That we include the director and all participants and their assignments for our 1968 Evangelism program in the 1968 Journal and send each of these missionaries a free copy of the Journal.

## **BOARD OF HEALTH AND WELFARE MINISTRIES**

(formerly Board of Hospitals and Homes)

**Howard DeVore, Chairman**

### **Resolution I**

Whereas great areas of unmet human need exist in the State of Alaska, **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska Mission of The United Methodist Church direct the Board of Health and Welfare Ministries to hold consultations on the Church and human need in Alaska during 1968-69, and that the proposed Aleutian Study be part of these consultations, funded by an apportionment of \$1,500.00 for the Board of Health and Welfare Ministries to be supplemented by funds in the amount of \$2,000.00 made available by the Jesse Lee Home program and other sources to involve interested and concerned parties of church, private, and public agencies.

### **Resolution II**

Whereas the Child Welfare League of America, Inc. has stated: "It is sound practice for a public agency to purchase and a private agency to sell, institutional care services that a particular child needs . . . (and)

in purchasing service public agencies have responsibility to pay up to the full cost of care." (Standards For Services of Child Welfare Institutions, 1964)

AND that The National Council of Churches has taken a similar position: "When a church-related agency does enter into a contract with a public department to provide a service, the contract should provide for financing at full cost of the service provided." (1967 Church-State Issues For Social and Health Issues in the USA);

AND, the State of Alaska utilizes the facilities and services of voluntary private institutions for care of dependent, neglected or disturbed children; AND, the State of Alaska currently does not have an equitable scale for paying for such child care services it utilizes at such voluntary institutions;

AND, the result is an inadequate and inequitable distribution of payment for such services and care;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Mission of The United Methodist Church that:

1. The State of Alaska has the responsibility for providing adequate services to its wards;
2. When these services are unavailable, the state must either develop them or purchase them from private, voluntary agencies;
3. When services are purchased from voluntary agencies, these services should be purchased at the full cost based on the needs of the child the quality and type of service, and cost accounting.

This resolution be made known by:

1. attendance of the chairman of the Board of Health and Welfare Ministries at an open hearing June 13 on state welfare aid to private agencies;
2. copies of the resolution be sent to the Governor of the State of Alaska, the two finance committees of the legislature, the Commissioner of Health and Welfare, the Director of the Division of Welfare, and the Child Welfare Supervisor for the State of Alaska.

### **Resolution III**

We recommend to the Alaska Mission the Methodist institutions of the Missions as authorized recipients of special and advance gifts.

### **Resolution IV**

BE IT RESOLVED to accept with appreciation the reports of the Methodist institutions related to the Board of Health and Welfare Ministries.

**JESSE LEE HOME**

Richard Gilbert, Director

### **A YEAR OF TOMORROWS**

It is altogether accurate, if a bit plagiaristic, to affirm loudly in this report that the future is, indeed, pouring in all over us. This has truly been a year of tomorrows at The Jesse Lee Home. It seems incongruous to dwell on our yesterdays, when the focus of our activity has been so overwhelmingly on the days after tomorrow.

Not that those yesterdays have been unimportant! Since our last report 14 new children have been admitted to the Home. By the end of the summer 22 of the 26 children from the Seward Home will have been discharged. Seven of the children who have been admitted to the Home since the advent of the new program will be discharged during the summer months. Five of these children will return to their families, one to the home of his grandparents and one to a Division of Public Welfare foster home. Some of the statistics seem to indicate that something, however embryonic, is being done to help troubled Alaskan kids.

But much more needs to be done. No one should be deluded into thinking that nirvana has been obtained. We have a long way to go. During this year both the Board of Directors and the staff of the Home have been taking a comprehensive look into the future that the service that The Jesse Lee Home is extending to Alaskan kids and their families. The results of their investigations are filled with promise.

Staff have been involved in a concentrated period of study and program design. Beginning with a Mental Health Seminar in July, an in-service training program concentrated on a treatment philosophy, religious education in a children's home, a theology for church-related social service and punishment-discipline techniques. The seminar with Dr. Glasser led to a year-long concentration of the treatment philosophy of the Home. The outcome of that study has been a design of a therapeutic program revolving around Glasser's treatment approach. The Pilot Program is complete, but we are unable to implement at this time until we are sufficiently funded to add the position of the Cottage Group Counselor (see attachment).

The Board of Directors, under the able leadership of Col. Chaplain Robert M. Rutan, has also been engaged in the process of long-range planning for the future of the Home. Working in close cooperation with the staff, the committees of the Board have proposed for approval at the Annual Meeting a variety of projects aimed at improving the quality and the depth of services.

- . . . Planning for permanent endowment funding.
- . . . Formal design of a comprehensive public relations program.
- . . . Approval of a volunteer organization—The Jesse Lee Associates.
- . . . Preparation of disaster planning.
- . . . Development of Master Planning for Buildings and Grounds.
- . . . Research on the most feasible retirement plan for staff.
- . . . Legislative action on the problem of battered children.
- . . . Complete consideration of therapeutic program and requirements for future staff.
- . . . Recommendation of building construction to meet the needs of the program.
- . . . Study of a position on liberalized abortion legislation.
- . . . Design of a three-fold after-care program.

The Board is working now to coordinate these spheres of action into one, coordinated, phased program of development for the Home. A comprehensive development proposal incorporating most of the recommendations of the Board Committees is due to come before the total group at the Annual Meeting on June 3. Under the title "Operation REACH" (for Reaching Excellence in Alaskan CHild-Care), the development program

calls for coordinated fund-raising designed to accomplish major future goals of the Home's program.

One final word: the wave of the future lays the imperative squarely on the Alaskan churches to begin to bear the burden of the services we are extending to the troubled children of their several Alaskan communities. We can no longer be content to let Big Brother do it for us. Jesse Lee is an Alaskan institution helping Alaskan kids to inherit the fullness of their humanity. You, as Alaskan Methodists, will be asked to play a decisive role in the future of those kids.

## **LAVINIA WALLACE YOUNG COMMUNITY CENTER**

**Thomas F. Mercer, Administrator**

The L.W.Y. Community Center was re-opened January 15, 1968. I was requested on December 15 by the New York office to do what I could to reactivate the center. Miss Pat Self, degree in religious education, was employed on January 1 to teach the kindergarten, forty-five children attended this kindergarten. The distribution of clothing received from outside Methodist churches continued.

We applied for two VISTA workers to assist us in the work of the center. Mr. and Mrs. William Azar, VISTA, were assigned to L.W.Y. three months ago. Bill is a lawyer who recently received his degree from the University of Colorado and his Alaska Bar. The Azars have been doing a commendable job directing the youth center. This youth program is open six nights a week with a dance each weekend. Between twenty and thirty youngsters attend nightly. The facilities are being used by other groups also. The Square Dancing Club, Extension Knitting Class, and other widely varied activities.

Work is being done to use O.E.O. and other funds to add a child care center, adult recreation and alcoholic rehabilitation center. It has been gratifying for me to volunteer my services to this worthy community service and to the Methodist Missions.

## **MAYNARD McDOUGALL MEMORIAL HOSPITAL**

**Thomas F. Mercer, Administrator**

1967 has been a fast moving and enriching year for me. I was appointed administrator May 15, 1967. Upon arrival in Nome I toured the facilities made available by the Board of Missions with amazement. M.M.M. Hospital offers facilities and services far beyond the expected for its rural location. The hospital provides the following services:

1. Personnel for emergency village trips;
2. Medical escorts for severely ill patients;
3. Outpatient clinic (handled 8,500 patient visits this year);
4. Short term general hospitalization which includes the following departments:
  - a. Medical services
  - b. Surgical services

- c. Obstetrical services
- d. Pediatric services
- e. Emergency service
- f. Physical therapy
- g. Laboratory
- h. X-ray
- i. Dental department
- j. Nome health center
- k. Other non-medical supportive departments: Dietary, Maintenance, Laundry, etc.

The Medical Staff is made up of locum tenens physicians who cover for a total of two months during the year to assist Dr. Harold Bartko, the full time physician. Dr. Bartko has done a magnificent job of providing a comprehensive medical service to the area.

The hospital has contracts with the following agencies:

1. Public Health Service Department of Indian Health
2. State of Alaska Department of Health and Welfare
3. State of Alaska Youth and Adult Authority
4. State of Alaska Jail

To summarize, this hospital is providing a truly comprehensive community and area health service.

## WESLEYAN HOSPITAL FOR CHRONIC DISEASES, INC.

Mildred L. Pelch, Administrator

### ANNUAL REPORT 1966-67

This report covers the auditing period of July 1, 1966 through December 31, 1967. Below are comparative figures for the past three years.

	1966-67	1965-66	1964-65
Total available bed days.....	11,680	11,680	11,680
Total patient days.....	6,680	6,443	6,617
Percent of occupancy.....	57.3	55.2	56.7
Average patients per day.....	18.3	17.7	18.1
Operating costs per patient day.....	\$ 23.43	\$ 23.12	\$ 21.88
Operating costs per calendar day.....	\$429.27	\$408.04	\$396.96

The total operating income was \$144,268. The total operating expense was \$156,685. The net loss for the period was \$4,219. Since there was a change in administration in December, an audit was requested through December 31, 1967. During the past six months the percent of occupancy increased to 85.6; patients per day increased to 27.5; operating costs per patient day increased to \$18.29; operating costs per calendar day increased to \$502.40. The total operating income was \$102,265. The total operating expense was \$91,437. The actual net income for the period was \$11,114 before deducting the write-down of the pharmaceutical inventory to allow for obsolescence. Net income was \$6,089. During the past year a contract was signed with the State Health Department to provide health care service for patients that were being transferred from Morningside Hospital in Portland, Oregon. The patients are long term chronic psychiatric, having

been institutionalized from 20 to 35 years, requiring extensive medical service.

The major goal, at present, is to get an addition to the hospital for expansion of services and bed capacity. Additional space is needed for the patients to move about so they would not remain in their rooms all day and areas for participation in activities.

The General Hospital is no longer accepting long term patients and would move their long term patients to Wesleyan if we were prepared for them and had available beds. Another need for additional space is one of the conditions of participation in the Medicare Program is a dining room for employees.

The hospital received funds from the National Division totaling \$10,000 for restricted purposes pertaining to acquisition of laundry equipment. The contract with Seward General Hospital for laundry has proved satisfactory. This is beneficial to both hospitals and maintains good relations between the two institutions. A Memorial Fund of \$1,000, representing the share of the Irene B. Hanan estate, was given through the Board of Missions.

Additions to the hospital were a walk-in freezer and cool room. A deep fat fryer for the kitchen and a fogging unit for terminal cleaning of patients' rooms.

**Future Expenditures** — Automatic fire detectors must be installed on the fire doors as soon as the state passes a law stating what type is to be used. Exterior of the building needs painting. Also needed are screen doors, window screens, traverse rods and fiberglass drapes at all windows, grab bars for tubs, hospital beds, wheel chairs, bedspreads, new mattresses, three additional desks for patient rooms, electric stove, dishwasher, automatic washer, dictaphone, adding machine—10 column, chairs in office and nursing station, file cabinets and a mimeograph machine.

I would like to express my appreciation from the patients and staff to the Women's Division of the Methodist Church for the many years of support given to make our work possible and appreciation to the new Board of Trustees and corporate members for their assistance with the operation of Wesleyan.

Wesleyan Hospital is the only hospital for the hospitalization of non-active tuberculosis patients and the only chronic disease hospital in Alaska.

## **BOARD OF LAY ACTIVITIES**

**Roland J. Stanton, Lay Leader**

During the 1967-68 year we have continued to promote the Builder's Club. Collections of \$465 for Sitka and \$310 for East Anchorage have been made with at least thirty new members added after the East Anchorage appeal. These funds were needed for furnishings in these two new building.

Charles B. Wilson of Juneau and Dr. Meredith Groves attended the Methodist Quadrennial Convocation in Salem, Oregon on August 25-27 of last year. Mr. Wilson reports: "It was certainly a stimulating experience and my only regret is that more Alaskans were not in attendance. This conference had 350 Christians from Nevada, California, Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Alaska. Two outstanding men, Dr. Franklin Littell, President of Iowa Wesleyan College, and Dr. G. Ross Freeman, Professor at Candler School of Theology, brought stirring messages which inspired everyone and



set the mood for a number of laymen's panels which discussed "Personal Witness" and "What the Church Can Be". Other features were inspirational singing led by Ed Stallings, small prayer groups and a report on the Fairbanks flood. I shall treasure this experience the rest of my life and I certainly urge anyone who gets an opportunity to attend such a conference to attend."

I hope the Builder's Club has also made a slight advance in the feeling of unity which Alaskans need so much. In a new book on "The Frontier States" by *Time-Life Books*, Alaskans are described: "They move from the Lower '48 to Alaska with singular frequency — the last census revealed that some 46% of the population had lived in the state no longer than five years — yet their mobility from one Alaskan area to another is so slight as to create serious sectional misunderstandings and jealousies." This is the root of many of our Alaskan problems. In looking back over previous lay leader reports I sensed the frustrations they felt in not being able to draw Alaskan Methodists together. Newsletters have been proposed and failed. I tried one myself and so little information was sent in that it was impossible to write. There is never enough money or time for the Lay Leader to travel around the state and there is not likely to be for some years yet. In my frustration I have searched for an idea. A way to bring Alaskan Methodists together. A possible way has been suggested at last.

Schools from different parts of the world have paired off as sister schools. Cities have done the same. We could follow the pattern and do the same as Sister Churches. A lot of information, experiences and solved problems are exchanged and in this way groups brought together. In time delegates are exchanged. This could be the long sought catalyst to get Alaskan Methodists thinking of one another.

Nominations for the year 1968 - 1969:

Lay Leader	Charles Wilson
Associate (Fairbanks)	George Hollett
Associate (Anchorage)	Doris Staley
Associate (Kenai)	Marion Kempf
Associate (Ninilchik)	Floyd Blossom
Associate (Ketchikan)	Murray Simpson
Budget: \$25.00 for office supplies and postage.	

## BOARD OF MISSIONS

Charles Horner, Chairman

As always, the work in the area of missions has been varied and widespread. The charge to carry the message of Christ to the world has called us to again re-evaluate our own outlook on the mission of the Church.

As usual, several study themes were suggested for use during the past year and various materials were provided for study. To help the local church, the annual School of Christian Mission was held in July at Alaska Methodist University under the joint sponsorship of the Board of Missions and the Alaska W.S.C.S. Over fifty persons participated, including five who were brought in specifically as representatives of their local Commission on Missions. Mrs. Jo Russell Henderson, Vice-President of the Woman's Division, led the study on "Ecumenicity". Rev. Charles Horner

led the study on "Man and Community". The theme of "Christ and the Faiths of Men" was presented to the total group and "Japan" was available as a theme. Mrs. Larry Osgood attended as a special resource person. One highlight of the school was a presentation by Senator Ernest Gruening on the Viet Nam issue. The materials for these themes are still available, and we especially recommend Albert Outler's book, "That The World May Believe".

Local churches did indeed involve themselves in the study themes of the year. Over 500 persons were specifically involved in study sessions, many in an ecumenical setting.

Local churches have also very much involved themselves in the active mission of the church. The Fairbanks church is cooperatively worshipping with the Episcopal church, while the latter's building is used for an alcohol rehabilitation center. Classes for nursery and retarded children also meet in the church. The Chugiak church has provided office space for the OEO Grass Roots Worker and for a Basic Education class, as well as operated a private kindergarten. In Ketchikan, an active radio ministry and ministry to the neighboring logging camps expand the mission of the church. Anchorage churches are involved in FISH (an answering service for immediate aid), the Welcome Center, the Coffee Umbrella, and other ecumenical activities. The Kenai Parish and East Anchorage churches have shown considerable growth this year.

Over the past year, local churches in Alaska have contributed \$4,978 to the mission of the church in addition to the regular World Service apportionments. About \$2,400 was for Fairbanks flood relief and several churches sent volunteers there to help in the cleanup. About \$2,100 was contributed to the Methodist Institutions in Alaska, and about \$425 was given to General and Conference Advance specials, including the special Alaska project of "A.M.U. International Student Scholarship Fund".

The study themes for the coming year are: "New Forms of Mission", "Southeast Asia", and "The Gospel According to John".

For the coming year, again our biggest activity will be the School of Christian Mission, sponsored jointly with the Alaska W.S.C.S. Dr. Eugene Stockwell of the Board of Missions and Rev. Howard DeVore and Rev. Leo Cramer will provide leadership. The dates are July 26-28, over a weekend, so that more employed persons may attend.

These projects and institutions merit and deserve our promotion, interest, and financial support: Jesse Lee Home, Lavina Wallace Young Community Center, Maynard McDougall Memorial Hospital, Wesleyan Hospital for Chronic Diseases, Alaska Methodist University, the Wesley Foundation, Southeast Camp, Birchwood Camp, and the Welcome Centers of Alaska.

It should also be noted that all of the Methodist projects in Alaska are approved as General Advance Specials and that any church may contribute to the support of any such project.

# STATEMENT OF ADVANCE SPECIAL GIVING, 1967 - 1968

Fairbanks Flood Relief		\$2,399.00
A.M.U.		1,162.00
Jesse Lee Home		990.00
General Advance		
National Missions	\$ 50.00	
World Missions	25.00	
MCOR	28.00	
UNICEF	39.00	
American Bible Society	10.00	
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	\$152.00	\$ 152.00
Conference Advance		
East Anchorage	\$200.00	
A.M.U. International	75.00	
Student Scholarship Fund		
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	\$275.00	\$ 275.00
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Total Giving		\$4,978.00

## BOARD OF MISSIONS Proposed Budget for 1968-69

		First Seven Months	Last Five Months
<b>Leadership Training</b>			
Travel to and registration at Regional School of Christian Mission at Tacoma, Wash., for one.....	\$ 150.00	\$150.00	
Travel and expenses for one to attend a Coaching Conference for the School of Christian Mission (on West Coast) ..	250.00		\$250.00
Travel and registration for Missionary Secretary at Mission Training Conference	235.00	235.00	
Registration expenses for Board Member at a Mission Training Experience.....	60.00	60.00	
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	\$ 695.00		
 <b>Alaska School of Christian Mission</b>			
One-half of airfare for delegates from Commission on Missions from Outlying Area Churches .....	\$ 330.00	\$330.00	
In-school expenses for leadership.....	50.00	50.00	
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	\$ 380.00		

Promotional Expenses.....	100.00	50.00	50.00
<b>TOTAL BUDGET.....</b>	<b>\$1,175.00</b>	<b>\$875.00</b>	<b>\$300.00</b>

### Statement on Advance Specials:

These projects and institutions merit and deserve our promotion, interest, and financial support: Jesse Lee Home, Lavinia Wallace Young Community Center, Maynard McDougall Memorial Hospital, Wesleyan Hospital for Chronic Diseases, Alaska Methodist University, The Wesley Foundation, Southeast Alaska Camp, Birchwood Camp, and the Welcome Centers of Alaska.

## BOARD OF PENSIONS

Robert Nelson, Chairman

### Recommendations:

1. To the General Board of Pensions and the Division of National Missions: that all ministers entering the Mission during the coming year, 1968-69 be included in the Ministers' Reserve Fund, and that the rule on age at time of entry be waived if necessary.
2. That each minister give serious consideration to making his personal contribution to the Ministers' Reserve Pension Fund to his "Income Annuity Credit", on the basis of three per cent of the "average salary" of the Annual Conference in which his membership is held. By giving notification to the Board of Pensions the amounts shown on the quarterly statements will be adjusted in accordance with his request. Unless revision is requested by the individuals, the statements from the Board of Pensions will continue to be based upon two per cent of the "average salary" of the Alaska Mission.
3. That each minister submit to the Alaska Mission Board of Pensions a statement of his desire to make his personal contribution to the Ministers' Reserve Fund on the basis of the "average salary" of the Alaska Mission or on the basis of the "average salary" of the Annual Conference in which his membership is held.
4. That the General Board of Pensions submit an accounting of the individual contributions of each minister of the Alaska Mission to the Ministers' Reserve Pension Fund to the Alaska Mission Board of Pensions for the year 1967-68 and on a continuing basis.
5. That the Death Benefit Program provision of the Board of Pensions be applied again to our Alaska Pension Program at the cost of \$75 per member. This will cost \$1,350 for 18 members not otherwise covered.
6. That should any surplus develop after paying clearinghouse and death benefit program costs and MRPF payments, the surplus shall be deposited to the Stabilization Fund of the Pension Account of the Alaska Mission.
7. That the amount available through the Board of Pensions Chartered Fund and the amount received from the Methodist Publishing House be used for current budget purposes and any excess deposited with the Stabilization Fund.

9. That the Annual Meeting express its appreciation to the National Division for agreeing to share the additional cost to raise the "average salary" from \$3,500 to \$5,000.
10. That the Board of Pensions of the Alaska Mission conduct a study of the participation of ministers in Social Security and report back to the next Annual Meeting.

## II.

### A. TOTAL PENSION PROGRAM

#### Estimated Cost 1968 - 69

Funding MRPF—18 members @ \$500 each.....	\$ 9,000.00
Clearinghouse estimated distribution.....	2,196.00
Death Benefit Program—18 members @ \$75 each.....	1,350.00
Additional Funding—M. Groves and W. Hays.....	1,150.00

**TOTAL .....\$13,696.00**

#### Estimated Income 1968 - 69

From apportionments to charges.....	\$ 5,123.96
Methodist Publishing House.....	166.37
Chartered Fund .....	125.00
General Board of Pensions.....	3,065.34
Division of National Missions	
1/3 Annuity Funding .....	\$1,983.33
1/2 of reg. contribution	
in excess of \$3,500.....	1,350.00
1/3 Clearinghouse .....	732.00
Funding for M. Groves & W. Hays....	1,150.00

**\$ 5,215.33**

**\$13,696.00**

### B. ALASKA MISSION SHARE (18 months)

#### Estimated Cost 1968 - 69

1/3 Service Annuity Funding.....	\$ 1,983.33
1/2 of Reg. Contribution in excess of \$3,500.....	1,350.00
Death Benefit Program.....	1,350.00
1/3 Clearinghouse .....	732.00

**\$ 5,415.33**

#### Estimated Income 1968 - 69

Apportionments .....	5,123.96
Methodist Publishing House.....	166.37
Chartered Fund .....	125.00

**TOTAL .....\$ 5,415.33**

### III. Alaska Mission Fund Accounting

#### Receipts

Balance, June 1, 1967.....	\$ 99.83
Received from Charges.....	3,118.23

TOTAL .....\$ 3,218.06

#### Disbursements

General Board of Pensions.....	\$ 2,671.36
Balance, May 31, 1968.....	\$ 953.48

### IV. Board of Pensions Accounting Stabilization Fund

Balance as of June 1, 1967.....\$ 8,372.12

#### Receipts

6/13/67 by Paul Lee.....	\$5,359.16	
8/9/67 Bds. of Miss & Pensions		
67-68 No. 1637.....	6,507.13	
12/26/67 by Meredish Groves.....	1,626.67	13,492.96
		<u>\$21,865.08</u>

#### Disbursements

8/8/67 Amt. due Clearinghouse		
67-68 .....	\$2,354.00	
8/9/67 to RPF & DBP and		
No. 1637 67-68.....	9,482.16	11,836.16
		<u>\$10,028.92</u>
Balance as of May 15, 1968.....		\$10,028.92
Est. Int. @ 5% to 5/31/68.....		448.97
		<u>\$10,477.89</u>
Balance Estimated as of May 31, 1968.....		\$10,477.89

### INITIAL RESERVE FUND

Balance as of June 1, 1967.....\$ 1,518.29

#### Receipts

6/1/67 Rfd. Service Cr. Rings.....	\$ 702.12	
8/10/67 Bd. of Pens. Trans.		
No. 1637 67-68.....		8,642.16
10/1/67 Dist. Realized		
appr. 67-68 .....	28.44	
12/1/67 Rfd. Service Dr. Harlan....	1,302.46	
2/23/68 by M. Groves.....	1,396.66	12,071.84
		<u>\$13,590.12</u>

#### Disbursements

6/1/67 Funding 66-67.....	8,484.66	
6/1/67 To DBP bal. due 67-68.....	157.50	\$ 8,642.16
		<u>\$ 4,947.97</u>
Balance as of May 15, 1968.....		\$ 4,947.97
Est. Int. @ 5.17% to 5/31/68.....		55.82
		<u>\$ 5,003.79</u>
Balance Estimated as of May 31, 1968.....		\$ 5,003.79

**1967/68 Funding  
Ministers Reserve Pension Fund**

Contributions on behalf of qualified members of the Ministers' Reserve Pension Fund for the conference year ending May 31, 1968:

	Service Annuity	Plan "C" Death Benefit Program 68-69
	<u>\$500.00 x 17 = \$8,500</u>	<u>\$75.00 x 17 = \$1,275</u>
08914 Bowers, Robert	\$ 500.00	\$ 75.00
16966 Cramer, Leo C.	500.00	75.00
16967 Cramer, Max W.	500.00	75.00
16594 Dahl, Thomas H.	500.00	75.00
01959 DeVore, Howard	500.00	75.00
16114 Fison, David D.	500.00	75.00
10191 Gay, Richard R.	500.00	75.00
10592 Groves, Eugene	500.00	75.00
10754 Hartman, Donald L.	500.00	75.00
03567 Horner, Charles W.	500.00	75.00
01936 Jones, Ernest H.	500.00	75.00
01598 Laird, Benjamin A.	500.00	75.00
13113 Shaffer, John J.	500.00	75.00
03688 Thompson, James H.	500.00	75.00
21935 Tindell, John	500.00	75.00
03318 Walters, Eugene H.	500.00	75.00
08439 Walter R.	500.00	75.00
	<u>\$8500.00</u>	<u>\$1275.00</u>

Average Salary \$5,000.00

Annual Contributions @ 10% = \$500.00

Contributions 17 members in Full — Full year \$9,775.00

**DISTRIBUTION**

**Alaska Mission**

1/3 of Reg. Contrib. of 1st \$3,500.....\$1,983.33

1/2 of Reg. Contrib.

in excess of \$3,500..... 1,275.00

\$3,258.33

Death Benefit Program..... 1,275.00

\$ 4,533.33

**General Board of Pensions**

1/3 of Reg. Contrib. of 1st \$3 500..... 1,983.34

National Division of Boards of Missions  
 1/3 of Reg. Contrib. of 1st \$3,500....\$1,983.33  
 1/2 of Reg. Contrib.  
 in excess of \$3,500..... 1,275.00

\$3,258.33

Meredith Groves — 10% contribution..... 500.00  
 Death Benefit Program..... 75.00  
 Walter Lee Hays — 10% contribution..... 500.00  
 Death Benefit Program..... 75.00

4,408.33  
10,925.00

# STATEMENT OF AMOUNTS TO BE PAID BY ALASKA MISSION TO CLAIMANTS

Under Paragraph No. 1637  
 Year 1968-69

## CLEARINGHOUSE

### Retired

	(35.00)	(15.00)	
CROSS, Henry	\$ 166.00	\$ 71.00	\$ 237.00
HATTEN, Charles	70.00	30.00	100.00
KELLOGG, Richard	35.00	15.00	50.00
KENDELL, Olney L.	123.00	53.00	176.00
KING, J. Dean	298.00	128.00	426.00
MATSON, William A.	175.00	75.00	250.00
MATTHEWS, William H. Jr.	105.00	45.00	150.00
OLSEN, Oscar A.	271.00	116.00	387.00
REISNER, Earl G.	236.00	101.00	337.00

### Widows

DECKER, R. D.	147.00	63.00	210.00
IRWIN, Roy C.	49.00	21.00	70.00
MASON, Roy C.	116.00	50.00	166.00
NEWTON, Raymond Z.	74.00	32.00	106.00
PATTON, J. J.	123.00	53.00	176.00
SANDERS, M. L.	49.00	21.00	70.00
SELLECK, W. H.	25.00	11.00	36.00
WALKER, Clyde	116.00	50.00	166.00

### Child

IRWIN, John B. (Paul J.)	18.00	8.00	26.00
	<u>\$2,196.00</u>	<u>\$943.00</u>	<u>\$3,139.00</u>

Due from Alaska Mission — \$732.00 & \$471.50 = \$1,203.50  
 Due from Division of National Missions—732.00 & \$471.50 = \$1,203.50  
 Due from General Board of Pensions — \$732.00



# COMMISSION ON WORLD SERVICE AND FINANCE

W. E. Staats, Chairman

## Section I. General Recommendations

- A. We recommend to our Alaska Mission churches a vigorous educational program in the stewardship of time, talents and possessions for local programs and for Missions through the coming year with emphasis upon the annual Every-Member Visitation, and the Month of Stewardship Education program with emphasis on tithing. We also commend the program of the Board of Lay Activities on the "Stewardship of time and ability" with emphasis on volunteer service.
- B. We require that each Board, Commission, or Committee receiving mission funds, either from National Division, or Alaska Mission funds shall submit full accounting of all funds received and expended. (pp. 793, Discipline) to the Commission on W.S.&F. on or before their first Pre-Conference meeting.  
We further recommend that all Boards and organizations requesting funds of the Conference present preliminary copies of their requests to the first session of the Pre-Conference meeting of the World Service and Finance Commission and when possible reflect anticipated income.
- C. We recommend that each year's concluding statistics be the figures used to produce the following year's grade figures for all items of the budget and that total members be the membership figure.
- D. That the Alaska Mission office mail a quarterly report of all monies apportioned and received to the following: the Division of National Missions, the resident bishop, and the local church ministers, treasurer, Financial Secretaries, lay leaders, Chairmen of Commissions on Stewardship and Finance and Missions.
- E. We recommend that the apportionments set by the Council of World Service and Finance and transmitted to our Mission be accepted for the 1968-1969 Mission year.
- F. We recommend that items A, B, and C of the Mission budget be placed on the Grade Figure System of determining apportionments to each local church of the Alaska Mission.
- G. We recommend that all cash balances revert to the general funds of A, B, and C of the Mission budget 15 days prior to the end of the budgetary period.
- H. We recommend and urge the adoption of the "Friends of AMU" program by each local church. We further recommend and urge the financial support of our other Methodist Institutions: Jesse Lee Home, Lavinia Wallace Young Community Center, Maynard-McDougall Memorial Hospital, Wesleyan Hospital for Chronic Diseases, Birchwood Camp, and Southeast Alaska Methodist Camp. We also recommend the observance of Alaska Methodist University Sunday in January and Jesse Lee Home Sunday of December.
- I. We wish to express our appreciation to the churches, their treasurers and the people for meeting their conference obligations, and commend those churches who remitted them in ten monthly payments.
- J. That fiscal year of the Mission be January 1 to December 31, and that all funds from the churches be in the Mission by December 15.

- K. We recommend that \$3,000.00 of the unexpected funds for fiscal year 1966-67 be used to reduce the 1968-69 total budget.

### BUDGET 1968 - 1969

	7 Months	5 Months	Total
<b>A. Ministerial Support</b>			
Episcopal Fund.....	\$ 700	\$ 509	\$ 1,209
Superintendent's Fund.....	1,750	1,250	3,000
Conference Claimants.....	3,822	2,738	6,560
Support for Executive Secretary.....	581	419	1,000
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$ 6,853</b>	<b>\$ 4,916</b>	<b>\$11,769</b>
<b>B. Connectional Administration</b>			
Temporary General Aid.....	\$ 313	\$ 223	\$ 536
General Administration.....	469	219	688
Interdenominational Cooperation Fund.....	243	135	378
Jurisdictional Administration.....	42	30	72
Mission Office Fund.....	2,681	1,919	4,600
Annual Meeting.....		1,000	1,000
Board of Ministerial Training.....	600		600
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$ 4 348</b>	<b>\$ 3,526</b>	<b>\$ 7,874</b>
<b>C. World Service and Conference Benevolences</b>			
World Service.....	\$ 1,619	\$ 1,156	\$ 2,775
Conference Benevolences			
Higher Education			
AMU.....	2,192	2,088	5,000
Wesley Foundation.....	291	209	500
Alaska Council of Churches.....	931	669	1,600
Christian Social Concerns.....	344	208	552
Education.....	1,512	1,088	2,600
Missions.....	875	300	1,175
Welfare and Health Ministries.....	875	625	1,500
Lay Activities.....		25	25
Less Unexpended Reserve.....	(1,750)	(1,250)	(3 000)
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$ 7 474</b>	<b>\$ 5 303</b>	<b>\$12,727</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$18,625</b>	<b>\$13,745</b>	<b>\$32,370</b>

Adopted by Annual Meeting May 29, 1968. The net increase is only \$2,842 over last year as \$3,000 was taken from Benevolence reserve to apply on this.

## Section II. Grade Figure System

Your grade figure was derived by the following formula:

Grade Figure equals Membership Grade Figure plus Local Expense Grade Figure.

Membership Grade Figure equals Total Church Membership divided by Total Alaska Mission Church Membership.

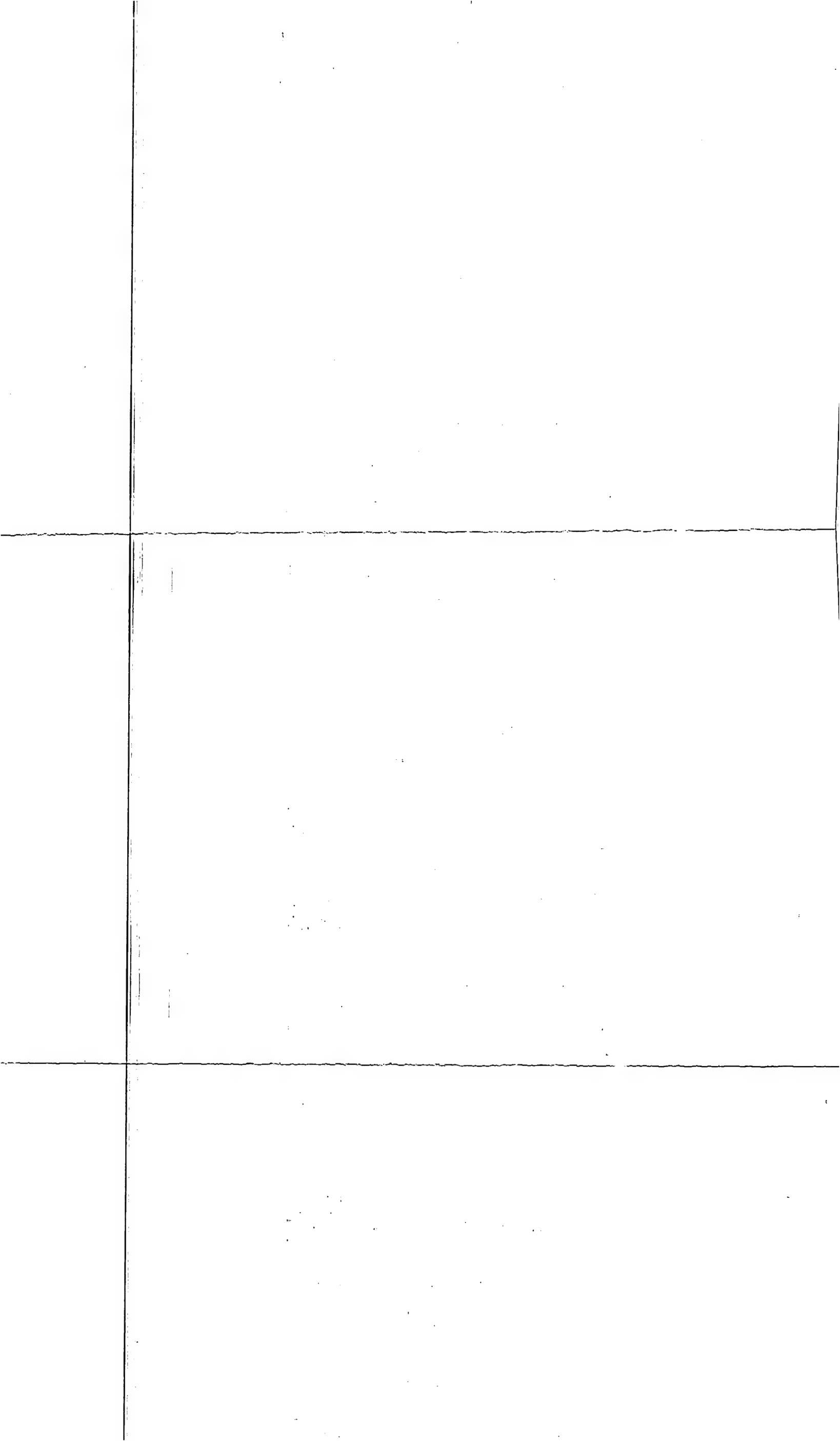
Local Expenses\*\* Grade Figure equals Individual Church Expenditure divided by Total Local Expenditure of all Mission Churches.

\*\*Local expenses include general church expenditures (excluding loan repayment, interest, building improvement and benevolences), church school administration, materials and supplies, and locally paid portion of the pastor's salary and travel expense.

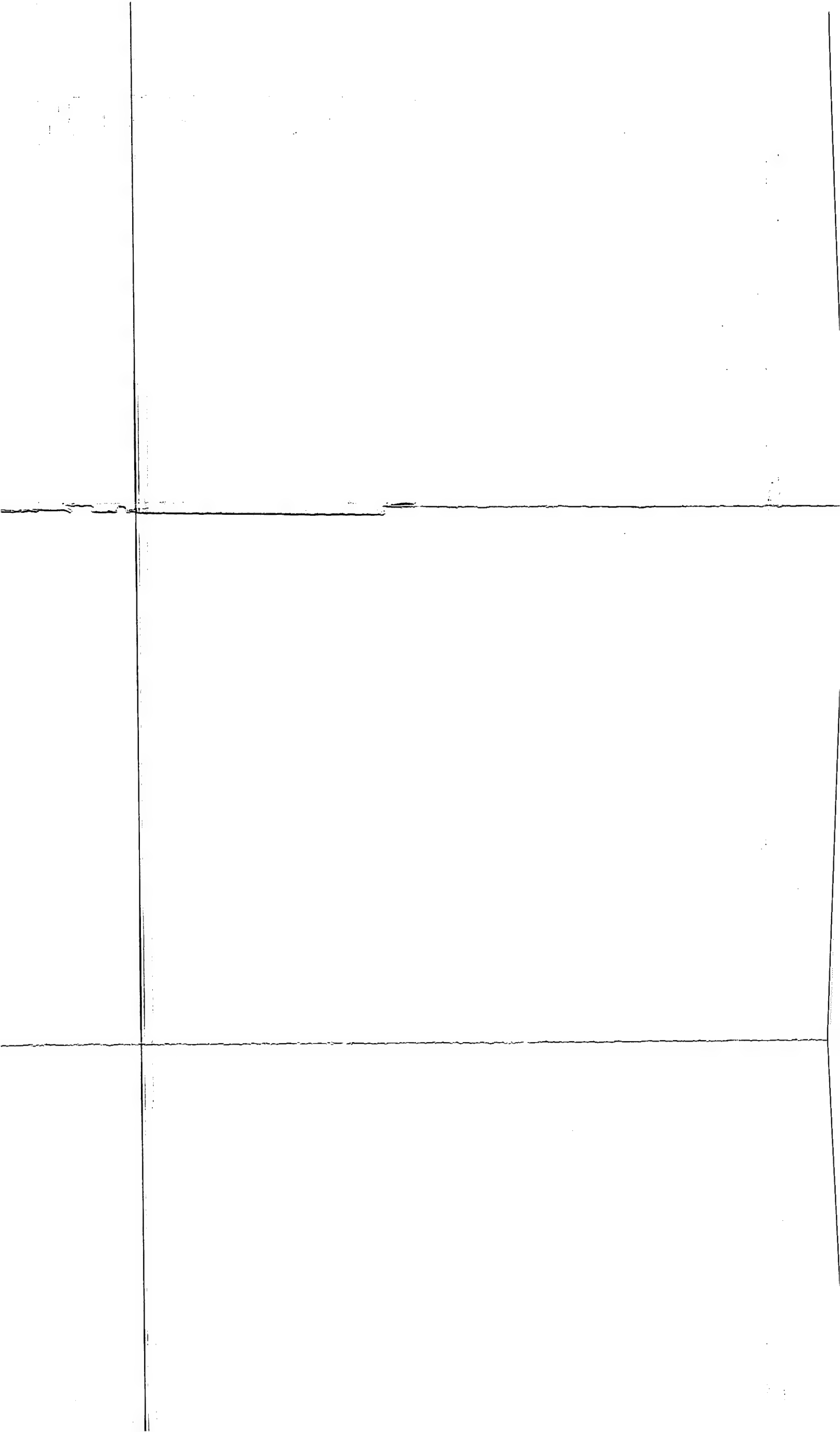
### GRADE POINTS FOR APPORTIONMENTS FOR 1968-69

Church	Grade Point
Anchor Park.....	9.1
East Anchorage.....	1.7
Girdwood.....	.3
Anchorage First.....	21.1
St. John.....	2.8
Hope.....	.2
Turnagain.....	7.0
Chugiak.....	3.5
Douglas.....	3.0
Fairbanks First.....	14.8
Homer.....	2.1
Anchor Point.....	.4
Seldovia.....	.5
Ninilchik.....	.8
Juneau.....	9.3
Kenai.....	3.1
Tustumena.....	.7
Soldotna.....	.4
Ketchikan.....	9.7
Nome.....	3.5
Seward.....	3.4
Moose Pass.....	.5
Sitka.....	2.1
	100.0





sts give directly to AMU. Last year this column carried nearly \$16,000.00. le to get these figures this year.



CHARGE	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT			CONNECTIONAL ADMINISTRATION			WORLD SERV. & CONF. BENV.			TOTAL		
	7 Mo.	5 Mo.	Total	7 Mo.	5 Mo.	Total	7 Mo.	5 Mo.	Total	7 Mo.	5 Mo.	Total
Anchor Park.....	624	447	1071	396	321	717	676	483	1159	1696	1251	2947
E. Anchorage.....	117	84	201	74	69	134	126	90	216	317	234	551
Girdwood.....	21	15	36	13	11	24	22	16	38	56	42	98
Anchorage 1st.....	1447	1027	2483	917	743	1660	1566	1119	2685	3929	2899	6828
St. John.....	192	138	330	122	99	221	208	148	356	522	385	907
Hope.....	14	10	24	9	7	16	15	11	26	38	28	66
Turnagain.....	480	344	824	304	247	551	520	371	891	1304	962	2266
Chugiak.....	240	172	412	152	123	275	260	186	446	652	481	1133
Douglas.....	205	147	352	130	106	236	223	159	382	558	412	970
Fairbanks.....	1014	728	1742	642	522	1164	1099	785	1884	2756	2035	4790
Homer.....	144	103	247	91	74	165	156	111	267	391	288	679
Anchor Point.....	27	20	47	17	14	31	30	21	51	74	55	129
Seldovia.....	34	25	59	24	18	42	37	27	64	95	70	165
Juneau.....	637	457	1094	404	328	732	690	493	1183	1731	1278	3009
Kenai.....	212	152	364	135	109	244	230	164	394	577	425	1002
Ninilchik.....	55	39	94	35	28	63	59	42	101	149	109	258
Tustemena.....	48	34	82	30	25	55	52	37	89	130	96	226
Soldotna.....	27	20	47	17	14	31	30	21	51	74	55	129
Ketchikan.....	665	477	1142	422	341	763	720	515	1235	1807	1333	3140
Nome.....	240	172	412	152	123	275	260	186	446	652	481	1133
Seward.....	233	167	400	148	120	268	252	180	432	633	467	1100
Moose Pass.....	34	25	59	24	18	42	37	27	64	95	70	165
Sitka.....	144	103	247	91	74	165	156	111	267	391	288	679
Grand Totals.....			11,769			7,874			12,727			32,370

#### GRADE POINTS—

These are the apportionments to each church of the budget on preceding page. It is broken down into 7 and 5 month periods because of action of Uniting Conference making fiscal year calendar year. The 7 month payments are due in full by December 15, 1968, the 5 months by May 15, 1969. We urge you divide the first annortionments into 6 equal payments and the second into 4 and make monthly payments. We need these very much to meet Mission bills as we have \$1,000 per month in fixed bills against this budget. Some boards have major program in summer. Such items as conference claimants need to be sent in quarterly. We have a wonderful record as a Mission of paying all apportionments in full. Thank you! Let us keep up good record by making regular monthly payments.



**Section IV**  
**BALANCE SHEET**      **May 31, 1968**

Acct. No.		Balance June 1, 1967	Receipts	Disburse- ments	Balance May 31, 1968
2000	Ministerial Support.....	\$ 25.37	\$ 8,907.00	\$ 8,930.26	\$ 2.11
2010	District Supt. Fund.....	2.07	2,497.89	2,499.96	.....
2011	Episcopal Fund.....	2.00	856.00	856.00	2.00
2012	Conference Claimants.....	286.82	576.37	267.10	596.09
3020	Connectional Adm.....	66.60	6,905.00	6,889.32	82.28
3022	Jurisdictional Adm.....	1.00	72.00	73.00	.....
3024	Interdenominational Coop. Fund.....	103.68	342.00	342.00	103.68
3025	Alaska Council of Churches.....	216.65	1,700.00	1,829.10	87.55
4030	World Service.....	347.66	13,702.82	13,947.66	102.82
4032	Gen. Adv. Specials.....	88.83	226.55	155.13	160.25
4033	One Great Hour of Sharing.....	.....	750.63	671.63	79.00
4034	Fellowship of Suffering and Service.....	.....	420.20	420.20	.....
4035	TV Ministry.....	.....	10.00	.....	10.00
4036	Meth. Student Day.....	.....	269.99	269.99	.....
4037	Meth. Youth Fund.....	50.30	202.99	253.29	.....
4038	Race Relations.....	27.00	223.89	250.89	.....
4039	AMU.....	27.21	1,161.10	1,188.31	.....
4044	Rally Day.....	.....	111.64	111.64	.....
4047	Jesse Lee Home.....	.....	947.10	925.10	22.00
4048	Conf. Adv. Specials.....	.....	275.00	200.00	75.00
4049	Fairbanks Flood Relief.....	.....	2,399.17	2,399.17	.....
5050A	Conference Benevolence Reserve...	1,716.43	1,439.14	.....	3,155.57
5051	Board of Education.....	1,100.15	5,095.58	6,195.73	.....
5052A	Audio Visual Library..	(27.98)	437.50	500.43	(90.91)
5054	Western Area Camp Development.....	1,477.44	966.98	2,326.43	117.99
5054A	Western Area Camp Program.....	132.30	7,440.87	4,241.87	3,331.30
5055	Cache of Songs.....	(244.46)	348.96	.....	104.50
5056	Board of Lay Activities.....	288.95	250.00	243.35	295.60
5071	Board of Social Concerns.....	429.14	735.00	1,023.02	141.12
5073	Board of Missions.....	257.44	1,420.31	1,669.96	7.79
5092	Builder's Club.....	110.00	665.00	775.00	.....
5715	Pension Fund (Personal Payments)...	99.83	3,624.84	3,624.84	99.83
5716	Hosp. & Med. Ins.....	505.36	5,568.92	5,576.09	498.19
		<u>\$7,089.79</u>	<u>\$70,550.44</u>	<u>\$68,656.47</u>	<u>\$8,983.76</u>

## TREASURER'S REPORT

We express appreciation to Gene Morgan for his work as mission treasurer. We are sorry that ill health made it necessary for him to go "outside" for medical treatment. We pray that his recovery may be very soon.

The total amount spent in and by the churches this past year was \$880,266. Of this amount \$515,585 was spent by the churches and \$365,181 by the Division. This year the local churches spent \$150,404 more than the Division. Last year the Division spent \$8,000 more than the churches.

For building and improvements the churches spent \$183,219 — an increase of \$107,670 over the previous year. We are moving toward self support.

Also we specialized in helping each other. Alaska churches gave \$2,399.00 to Fairbanks Flood Relief and \$665.00 for Builders' Club.

## COMMITTEE ON APPRECIATION

The Committee on Appreciation moves to express the appreciation of the Alaska Mission of the United Methodist Church to:

- Bishop Roy H. Short for the stimulating Annual Meeting Banquet Address, his personal analysis of the General Uniting Conference and the sermon of this evening.
- Bishop Glenn R. Phillips for his kind and able leadership of the Alaska Mission through this year and at this Annual Meeting; and particularly his sermon "Memory and Renewal" and devotional messages.
- Dr. Meredith A. Groves for his dedication to Christ and His Church in Alaska, his energies expended on behalf of local church, ministers and laity and his sensitivity for the future.
- The Mission office staff, Frances Giddings, Marybeth Sturgis and Lynette Lehn for work cheerfully and efficiently performed.
- Reverend Walter Lee Hays for creative guidance and enthusiastic support in his field of responsibility in education, youth, camps and ecumenicity.
- Rev. John Shaffer and assistants Eugene Walters and Robert Bowers for careful attention to conference procedures, compliance with rules and discipline, recording of reports and action and expected labor on the 1968 Journal.
- Bill Staats for mastering the ceremonies of the Annual Banquet.
- Worship leaders Eugene Groves and Robert Bowers.
- Organist Dr. Robert Jordahl.
- Anchor Park Children's Choir, Mrs. John Anderson, accompanist Mrs. Leo Cramer.
- Anchor Park Youth Choir, Mrs. Les Brock, accompanist Mrs. Mirium Woodring.
- Turnagain Choir, Director Vic Fondy.
- Personnel of AMU office staff, President Fred McGinnis, Rev. Harold Springer and Mrs. Fran Papp.
- Parsonage and lay families hosting delegates.
- Rev. Max Cramer and assistant for courtesy transportation provided delegates and visitors.
- Lay Leader Roland Stanton, Associate Lay Leaders, and Lay Delegates for their demonstration and witness to discipleship at this Annual Meeting which inspires us all.

- Rev. and Mrs. Charles Horner, Dr. and Mrs. Fred McGinnis, and Rev. and Mrs. John Shaffer for opening their homes.
- Cokesbury Publishing House for the display and contribution to the Pension Fund.
- Dr. Harry S. Komuro, Executive Secretary of Missions and Provisional Conferences, The National Division for his support of the Alaska Mission and encouragement to make our mission relevant to the human needs of this vast state.
- Dr. J. Edward Carothers, Associate General Secretary of the Board of Mission for his challenge to the Alaska Mission to demonstrate greater concern and implement programs to combat poverty and economic deprivation in areas of our responsibility.
- The numerous board, commission and committee personnel who gave many hours of labor through this year and at this annual meeting to make it the instrument and servant of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ that it is.
- Those who remain unnamed in this report but known to some and to God for their efforts on our behalf.

**The Committee on Appreciation**

Howard DeVore  
Mrs. Robert Nelson  
Mrs. Donald Hartman

## **CHURCH LOCATION AND BUILDING COMMITTEE**

**Meredith A. Groves, Chairman**

Parish Hall-parsonage completed at Soldotna. Residence trailer sold and sale price applied as part of cost.

First Unit built at East Anchorage, completed at Sitka and educational unit built at St. John. Also two caribou cabins at Birchwood Camp and completion of upstairs at Douglas parsonage.

Plans are to build first unit at Soldotna this summer, caretaker's lodge at Eagle River Camp and a caribou cabin at Birchwood Camp.

Finance campaigns are planned this next year at Ketchikan, Juneau, Sitka and Chugiak.

### **1967-68 Grants and Loans**

	<b>Grants</b>	<b>Loans</b>
East Anchorage.....	\$ 89,159	\$ 35,000
Sitka.....	33,806	24,000
Soldotna.....	26,415	17,000
St. John.....	36,370	20,125
Fairbanks.....	67,214	.....
Douglas.....	3,500	.....
Birchwood Camp.....	4,000	.....
	<hr/> \$260,464	<hr/> \$ 80,825

In addition the Division paid \$13,419 on other projects, the churches paid on building \$102,394 and on interest and loans \$63,168. This totals \$520,200 or \$27,230 more on buildings, etc. than last year.

### Requested for 1968-69

	Grants	Loans
Soldotna First Unit.....	\$ 50 000	\$ .....
Soldotna Parsonage Furniture.....	3,500	.....
Eagle River Caretaker's Lodge.....	15,000	.....
Birchwood Caribou Cabin.....	2,000	.....
Sitka Church Basement.....	2,000	.....
	\$ 72,500	\$ .....

### Requested for 1969-70

1. Juneau Church.....	\$200,000	\$125,000
Parking Lot.....		67,000
2. Kenai Church.....	40,000	60,000
3. East Anchorage.....	20,000	30,000
4. Birchwood Caretaker's Lodge.....	15,000	.....
5. Ketchikan.....		100,000

### In The Future

Birchwood Cabins.....	4,000	.....
Seward Educational Wing.....	10,000	10,000
Douglas Educational Wing.....	15,000	15,000
First Anchorage Educational Wing.....	25,000	125,000
North Kenai.....		.....

## HOSPITAL INSURANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

**Max W. Cramer, Chairman**

Last year's committee made an intensive study of several hospital insurance programs and recommended that we remain in the present program which is the Hospital and Medical Expense Program of the General Board Of Pensions.

The plan is fully explained in the folder as revised, effective January 1, 1968, "Hospital And Medical Expense Program", provided by the General Board of Pensions, and "Certificate Of Insurance" as provided by Travelers Insurance Company.

We recommend that each person covered be thoroughly familiar with the two mentioned documents.

We recommend continuing in the present program.

We recommend using the balance of the refund check be applied to the premiums for the coming year, hence requiring no increase to the churches for pastor's insurance.

We recommend publishing in the journal names of churches and pastors paying their payments.

**Churches pd. in full**

SEWARD  
EAST ANCHORAGE  
ST. JOHN  
FAIRBANKS

TURNAGAIN  
DOUGLAS  
NOME  
KENAI  
CHUGIAK

KETCHIKAN  
JUNEAU  
SITKA

**Pastors paid in full**

BOB BOWERS  
MAX CRAMER  
HOWARD DEVORE  
DAVE FISON  
EUGENE GROVES  
DONALD HARTMAN  
CHARLES HORNER  
ERNIE JONES  
BEN LAIRD  
BOB NELSON  
JOHN SHAFFER  
JIM THOMPSON  
EUGENE WALTERS  
WALT WARNER  
TOM DAHL  
JOHN TINDELL  
M. GROVES  
W. HAYS

**COMMITTEE ON MINIMUM PASTORS SALARY**

**Don Keil, Chairman**

This committee continued to emphasize the goal of each charge assuming full responsibility for its pastor's salary. It further encourages each charge to consider the practice of subscribing an advance special gift to help support the Director of Religious Education for the mission.

A significant accomplishment this year has been the increase by \$25,000 in the amount the charges have undertaken in pastors support. This is indicative of maturing on the part of many charges.

We recommend to the Division of National Mission the following salary adjustments for Conference Year 1969 - 1970:

A \$400 increase in minimum salaries bringing the base to \$5,200.

Concurrent with this increase, the following cost of living differential changes:

1. S.E. Alaska 30% (up from 25)
2. Anchorage Area (including Chugiak) 30% (down from 40)
3. Nome 60% (same)
4. Fairbanks 40% (same)
5. Kenai Peninsula 35% (same)

# WOMEN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Grace Wilson, President

A year has passed since the Women's Society president last made her report to you. In that time a New Church has been born and a new Society has emerged. "Change" is the biggest story in the world today and we in the Women's Society of Christian Service feel very much caught-up in change.

The thoughts of Roger K. Tenney express an attitude each of us can think about:

Feel no sorrow for the day that's past; It had its moment and was not meant to last.

In the eternal play, each day is one that moves on with the setting of the sun. Feel no sorrow for a day that's fled, although its time was short and quickly sped.

Each yesterday is just a link in time that forms the chain by which we all may climb, to reach the summit of each hope and plan.

For each day's sunrise is God's gift to man and each day is a link to future days.

Each serving us in its mysterious ways.

Women in Alaska are on the go. They are growing and changing and I would like to tell you of a few areas of our activity and concern.

Last December Alaire Stanton attended the Section of Christian Social Relations Planning Conference in New York. Recommendations adopted included a call for Methodist Women to accept their full responsibility in this crucial election year, appropriate recognition of the International Year for Human Rights and a reassessment of Race and the Methodist Church.

We as Alaskan Methodist women have already done considerable work during the past year in cooperation with community agencies; League of Women Voters; volunteer programs and in political parties. It is my feeling that nearly every area of life is a Christian Social Concern and we must be continually active.

Alaskan women are reading and studying as our Secretary of Program Materials, Kathryn Springer has expressed it, "as program materials go, they seem to be going in Alaska", as a whole, new societies are finding a need for organized use of available materials. The main advance in the area has been our increase in Methodist Woman and World Outlook subscriptions. Per capita we were up near the top in total subscriptions.

"It's still easier to be a success with things than with people — it's still easier to make a good living than a good life." Our Secretary of Membership Cultivation Betty DeVore, and Secretary of Spiritual Life both express that societies which had a thorough self-study program this year indicate the best programs and the most growth, not only in new members, but in a deeper insight in spiritual areas. New members are gained through personal contact — conference-wide we show an increase of ten new members.

This past year seems to have been a year of study for many societies, study coupled with action. Several intensive studies were reported and enthusiasm was the keynote of this reporting. An honest effort was made to become better acquainted with sister organizations within Methodism and other churches.

The ecumenical thrust was evident through varied attempts (panels, dialogues, coffee groups) to become knowledgeable of other faiths.

I would like to give special tribute to Dr. I. J. Montgomery who for the past several years wrote the Alaskan Legislative Newsletter. This has been received and read by most of our societies and has spurred interest and prompted many women to write letters to her state representative. "I. J." died two weeks ago and we all will miss him and his good work.

In closing I would like to express my thanks to each of the Conference Officers who have given their time and talents to help this organization "go" and to all Women's Society members who are serving their churches and communities with outstanding leadership.

Being the Church in the World was the expression used several times and there is evidence of this through numerous attempts to put action to our concern for other people.

## ALASKA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

Walter Lee Hays, Jr., President

The Alaska Council of Churches is now in its second decade; like many ten-year-olds it has experienced growing pains, has a large appetite and is often in need of the counsel of older and wiser heads.

Methodists can be justly proud of their contribution and participation in the Alaska Council. Dave Fison and Meredith Groves have served ably as committee chairman in Christian Social Relations and Membership and Finance; Ernie Jones has responsibly represented the council on the Executive Board of the Alaska State Community Action Program and has kept the churches informed about the action of this progressive and often controversial agency that is concerned with helping the disadvantaged people of a major portion of our state. We are deeply saddened by the passing of Dr. I. J. Montgomery of Juneau; this outstanding public servant, civic leader and Christian gentleman had edited the Council's widely read and highly respected legislative newsletter for the past nine years. Dr. Montgomery had been singularly honored by the Council for this work at our Annual Meeting this past January. The Council's annual report will be dedicated to him.

The theme of this past assembly was "Developing Religious Cooperation In Alaska" and this seems well to summarize some of the major thrusts that have been made by the Council this past year. A public service of worship was held in Anchorage during the "Week of Prayer For Christian Unity" in which Protestant, Orthodox and Catholic Christians worshipped together to declare our "Oneness In Christ"; a handsome full color mural depicting the influence that pioneer missionaries have played in shaping the destiny of Alaska was dedicated at the "A-67" site during the Alaska Purchase Centennial. It was commissioned by Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Rasmusson of Anchorage for the Alaska Council and it will be available for viewing in many areas of the state in months and years to come. *Together Magazine* will feature a full color photo story about the mural in one of its issues in the near future; we are thrilled that the congregations of the Lutheran Church in America have applied for full membership in the Council; we anticipate the speedy confirmation of their application by their national executive boards and welcome the vitality and greater unity that their presence brings to our common work in Alaska. The Council has stressed the

need for responsible ministry and service with native peoples in recent assemblies and were pleased to grant \$1,500 from Council reserve and emergency funds to the pioneering work of the Anchorage Welcome Center during this past assembly. The Alaska Council has gained a respected position among church and secular agencies for its responsible action in the areas of legislative and social concern despite its lack of full time professional leadership and limited resources. In this area a series of briefings on the Viet Nam Crisis were held in four cities of our state with Mr. Gene Stoltzfus, a veteran of four and one-half years of service with the International Voluntary Service Team in Vietnam, under the Council's auspices. He spoke to several university classes and assemblies and to numerous civic, professional and church groups.

Among their significant action in the past year the council helped enable a state-wide organization for Church Women United.

Two projects that are being sponsored by the Council's Christian Education Committee for this fall that will bring special assistance to our ministry with youth are a series of seminars for workers with youth by a member of the COCU (Consultation On Church Union) Youth Ministry task force and a public lecture tour of Robert Short, author of the best-seller "The Gospel According to Peanuts".

The winds of change are blowing in the ecumenical scene in Alaska prompted in large measure by the vitality brought to our state by the presence of a new Russian Orthodox Bishop and the creation of an Archdiocese within Alaska by the Roman Catholic Church. For the first year official observers were sent to the Annual Assembly of the Council by both the Russian Orthodox and Roman Catholic Church.

Experimentation has begun in recent years and months in developing the beginnings of ecumenically oriented parishes, in joint use of facilities and in ecumenical study and discussion opportunities. Episcopal and administrative leadership of the cooperating communions in the state have pledged themselves to joint use of facilities and an end to needless duplication of effort wherever possible so that the church may bring a more effective witness to bear. This new spirit is reflected in the beginning of an ecumenical campus ministry at the University of Alaska and the launching of broad base cooperative summer camping in several locations. Next steps could well be the joint employment of staff personnel and common leadership training.

Recent news releases have told us that Methodists voted at the recent General Conference in Dallas to go "full steam ahead" in authorizing a plan of union to be drafted for the Consultation On Church Union and that Texas became the second area where the Roman Catholic Church became full participating members of the state Council of Churches. I do not think that it is premature or visionary to believe that similar events can take place in Alaska — and soon! Yoked or truly ecumenical local parishes will be emerging and our Russian Orthodox and Roman Catholic brethren will be joining with us in areas of common concern, study and service. I would hope that Alaska could be one of the next states where Catholics and Orthodox clergy and laymen would be full members of the State Council.

Because of her particularity Alaska has long been a "jewel" in the mission field of many of our communions. We can be justly proud of the history of her churches and of the service of a people called Methodists.



But history can be a heritage or a "hang-up" — a heritage if we can honor the past and see where we have been, but a real "hang-up" when we perpetuate our piety, at the cost of the unity that our Lord has called his church to manifest.

The motto of the Alaska Council of Churches is "facing the reality of our common calling" as the vehicle of mutual cooperation and the cause of Christian Unity it cannot function fully with volunteer leadership and limited resources, I challenge you as Methodists to the continuing and enlarging ministry of our Council by the increasing investment of your time, talent, and resources in its life and work.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

### **1. Chronological List of Annual Sessions of the Alaska Mission**

Chronological list of Annual Sessions of the Alaska Mission through 1966 are found on page 83 of the 1966 Official Journal.

### **2. Chronological List of Ministers Who Have Served in Alaska**

The chronological list of ministers who have served in Alaska through June 1966 appears in the 1966 Official Journal, page 84. The next record will appear in the 1971 Journal.

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### **3. REPORT OF THE STATISTICIAN**

**(Statistical Tables)**

### **4. REPORT OF THE TREASURER**

**(Financial Tables)**

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## ROLL OF THE DEAD

"Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen."

**JACK STEADMAN** ..... Anchorage Turnagain  
**MRS. FRANCIS (MARY LEE) PHILLIPS** Anchorage First  
**MRS. O. W. (CYNTHIA SAGE) LOWE JR.** ..... Chugiak  
**VIRGINIA TREET** Tustumena Church of Christ the Victor  
**DR. I. J. MONTGOMERY** ..... Juneau  
**MURDOCK GILLIS (MURDO) McDONALD**  
 Ketchikan First  
**RUTH LOKKEN**  
**SALLY NEWTON**  
**FLORENCE MURPHY**  
**BISHOP A. RAYMOND GRANT** ..... Portland Area

## PASTORAL RECORD

*(All pastors serving in the Alaska Mission hold membership in Annual Conference)*

**BOWERS, ROBERT DALE**—Trial 1958, South Iowa Conference; Full Connection 1961; Deacon 1959; Elder 1961; Drake University 1957; Garrett Theological Seminary 1961; South Iowa Conference, Victor-Immanuel 1961; East Wisconsin Conference, Brookfield 1964; Alaska Mission, Seward-Moose Pass 1967. Wife: Beverly Jackson. Children: Stephen Robert b. 10-24-61; Carolyn Jean b. 10-13-63; Christine Yvonne b. 1-24-66.

**CRAMER, LEO CARL**—Trial 1955, Central Pennsylvania; Full Connection 1957, Erie Conference; Deacon 1955; Elder 1957; West Virginia Wesleyan College 1954; Wesley Theological Seminary 1957. 1955 Newton Hamilton; 1957, Sandy Lake; 1963, Alaska Mission, Chugiak; 1965 Anchor Park. Wife: Mona Lou Buhite. Children: Jamie Elizabeth b. 7-10-55; Stephen Carl b. 10-22-57; Cathy Sue b. 6-23-59; Craig John b. 6-13-61.

**CRAMER, MAX WAYNE**—Trial, Erie 1951; Full member 1954, Central Pennsylvania; Deacon 1952, Flint; Elder, 1954, Oxnam; Transferred to Western Pennsylvania 1959; West Virginia Wesleyan January 1951; Wesley Theological Seminary 1954. 1951, Claysburg; 1954, McVeytown; 1956, Snow Shoe; 1958, Reedsville; 1959, Harrisville; February 1965, Lakeside, DuBois; 1966, Alaska

Mission, Anchorage East. Girdwood; 1968 Anchorage East. Wife: Gladys Sheesley. Children: Ellen b. 2-9-47; Robert b. 8-10-48; Diana b. 9-5-51; Nancy b. 8-31-55; Beata b. 12-3-57.

DAHL, THOMAS HOWARD—Trial, 1961, Minnesota; Full Connection, 1964 Minnesota; Deacon 1961; Elder 1964; University of Minnesota 1960; Wesley Theological Seminary 1964. 1958, Minnesota Finlayson; 1961, Peninsula, Ellendale; 1964, Alaska Mission, Homer; 1966, Juneau. Wife: Gail Elizabeth Golden. Children: Steven Eric b. 6-28-61; Kathryn Mary b. 5-9-64; Michael Thomas b. 5-19-66.

DEVORE, HOWARD LEWIS—Trial 1950, Iowa-Des Moines; Full Connection 1954, Iowa-Des Moines; Deacon 1952; Elder 1954; Centerville Junior College 1948; Iowa Wesleyan College 1950; Garrett Theological Seminary 1954. 1950, Iowa-Des Moines, Mt. Union; 1954, Gravity; 1958, Menlo; 1962, Alaska Mission, Nome; 1966, St. John, Hope. Wife: Betty Jean Clemens. Children: Joel Stephen b. 6-10-51; Jon Michael b. 12-10-54.

FISON, DAVID KONRAD—Trial 1954, Rock River; Full Connection 1956, Rock River; Deacon 1954; Elder 1956; William Jewell College 1952; Garrett Biblical Institute 1956. 1949, Southwest Missouri, Bates City; 1952, Rock River, Malden; 1954, Ingleside; 1956, South Deering; 1960, Alaska Mission, Anchorage, First; 1961, Ketchikan, First; 1966, Fairbanks, First. Wife: D. Aleen Boxx. Children: Susan Renee b. 6-20-47; Deborah Ann b. 3-19-53; Paul Wesley b. 8-1-58; Jane Elizabeth b. 7-20-61; David James b. 9-23-63.

GAY, RICHARD RODDA—Trial 1945, Philadelphia; Full Connection 1947, Pittsburgh; Deacon 1944; Elder 1946; Ursinus College 1942; School of Theology, Drew University 1945; Graduate School, University of Pittsburgh 1949. 1941 Philadelphia, Evansburg; 1943, St. John's; 1944, Hulmeville; 1946, Pittsburgh, First (Associate); Special Appointments, 1950, Director of Religious Activities and Assistant Professor of Religion, Ohio Wesleyan Univ.; 1954 Assistant to the President, Ohio Wesleyan Univ.; 1956, Warrensburg, Ohio Church; 1960, Alaska Mission, Associate Profession of Religion and Philosophy and University Chaplain; 1961, Rabbit Creek Mission (Church of the Beloved Disciple); 1962, Professor of Religion and Philosophy and University Chaplain, Alaska Methodist University. Wife: Averill Virginia Fox. Children: Judith Sharyn b. 1-4-45; Patricia Lynne b. 6-20-48; Sheryl Avril b. 4-8-51; Richard Rodda, III b. 4-25-55; Jerilee b. 6-28-60.

GILBERT, RICHARD E.—Trial 1964, New York Conference; Full Connection 1966; Deacon 1964; Elder 1966; Albion College 1953; Garrett Theological Seminary 1958. 1958, Director of Christian Education, Children's Village, Detroit, Michigan; Jan. 1964, White Plains, New York (associate); Sept. 1965, Alaska Mission, Director, Jesse Lee Home. Wife: Mary. Children: Marilyn Lorraine b. 8-13-46; Mark Carlyle b. 4-14-55.

GOULD, PETER GORDON — Trial 1926, Central New York Conference; Full Member 1928, Central New York Conference; Transferred to Western New York Conference 1941; Pastoral Charges: 1924, (s) Cayuga; 1925, (s) Onondaga Indian Reservation; 1927, Fleming; 1932, Port Byron; 1934, Syracuse, Bellevue Heights; 1941, Buffalo, Ontario St.; 1948, Board of Missions; 1965, Retired; 1965, Director of Development, A.M.U. Wife: Ethel.

- GROVES, LELAND EUGENE—Trial 1959, Oregon; Full Connection 1962; Deacon 1960; Elder 1962; Willamette University, 1957; Chicago Theological Seminary, Federated Theological Faculty of the University of Chicago, 1961. 1961, Sutherlin-Wilbur; 1963, Alaska Mission, Anchorage First Associate; 1966, in school; 1967, Alaska Mission, Fairbanks First Associate and Wesley Foundation. Wife: LaRae Atwood. Children: Jeffrey b. 12-9-67.
- GROVES, MEREDITH A.—Trial, 1924, Northwest Kansas, Lenora; 1925, in school; 1927, Membership, Oregon, Turner; 1928, West Salem; 1931, Cottage Grove; 1935, Beech Street, Portland; 1940, Seaside; 1947, Medford; 1952 Roseburg; 1953, Superintendent Eugene District; 1959, Coordinating Council Executive Secretary; 1964, Superintendent Alaska Mission. Wife: Esther Bridgeman. Children: Meredith R. b. 9-24-25; Vernon A. b. 9-16-31; L. Eugene b. 7-7-35.
- HARTMAN, DONALD LEE—Trial 1959, Pittsburgh; Full Connection, Western Pennsylvania, 1962; Deacon 1959; Elder 1962; Ashbury College 1958; Pittsburgh Theological Seminary 1962. 1957, Kentucky Mitchellsburg - Wesley Chapel; 1958, Western Pennsylvania, McKeesport, Christy Park; 1962, Pittsburgh, Emory (Associate); 1964, Pittsburgh, Bethany House Inner City Ministry; 1966 Alaska Mission, Anchorage First (Associate); 1968, Anchorage First Assoc. and Girdwood; Wife: Alma Doyle Young. Children: Karl Bradford b. 7-24-56; Jeanette Lynn b. 7-22-57; Kurt Brian b. 1-14-59; Janet Lee b. 6-7-60.
- HAYS, WALTER LEE JR.—Trial 1961, Ohio; Full Connection 1963; Deacon 1961; Elder 1963; University of Cincinnati 1960; Methodist Theological School, Ohio, 1963. 1960, Ohio, Newark First, assistant; 1961, Trinity (Columbus), assistant; 1963, Alaska Mission, Executive Secretary of the Board of Education of the Alaska Mission. Wife: Lydia Lou Jackson. Children: Thomas Campbell b. 9-24-63; Robert Kim b. 2-19-65; Kenneth Richard b. 4-8-67.
- HORNER, CHARLES W.—Trial 1955, South Dakota; Full Connection 1957. South Dakota Conference; Deacon 1955; Elder 1957; Dakota Wesleyan University 1953; Drew Theological Seminary 1957; Newark Conference, Sparrowbush-Rio 1953; South Dakota Conference, Coleman-Wellman 1957; First Church Spearfish 1960. 1964, Alaska Mission, Turnagain Community Church. Wife: Doris Mae Hollingsworth. Children: Charles Ray b. 12-1-53; Nancy Ellen b. 7-16-55; Gregory Glenn b. 9-24-57; Deanna Dee b. 8-6-59.
- JONES, ERNEST HOWARD—Trial 1952, Indiana; Full Connection 1954; Deacon 1953; Elder 1954; DePauw University 1951; Boston University School of Theology 1954. 1954, Indiana, Columbus Asbury; 1957, Milan; 1959, Brownstown; 1963, Alaska Mission, Douglas; 1968, Nome. Wife: Rachel Sue Scott. Children: Richard Scott b. 11-18-57; Kathryn Lee b. 6-4-60.
- MCGINNIS, FREDERICK PATRICK—Trial 1948, Ohio; Full Connection 1950; Deacon 1949; Elder 1950; Asbury College 1945; Emory University 1945; Asbury Theological Seminary 1948. 1947, Indiana, Ramsey; 1947, Ohio, Quincy; 1950, Alaska Mission, Juneau; 1954, Anchorage First; 1955, Superintendent, Alaska Mission; 1960, President, Alaska Methodist University. Wife: Harriet Riggs. Children: Bryan Timothy b. 12-13-49; Mary Ann b. 6-6-55.

- NELSON, ROBERT WILLIAM—Trial 1962, Southern California - Arizona; Full Connection 1965, Southern California - Arizona; Deacon 1962; Elder 1965; El Camino College 1958; University of California, Los Angeles 1961; School of Theology at Claremont 1965. 1962, Southern California - Arizona, Vermont Square, Los Angeles; 1965, Alaska Mission, Kenai Parish. Wife: Norma Lee Trennert. Children: Erik Tighe b. 12-29-64; Lynette Susan b. 11-27-66.
- SHAFFER, JOHN JAY—Trial 1960, Central Illinois; Full Connection 1962, Central Illinois; Deacon 1960; Elder 1962; Illinois Wesleyan University 1959; Garrett Theological Seminary 1962. 1958, Central Illinois, Wapella; 1959, Danville, St. James (Associate); 1962, Alaska Mission, Kenai Parish; 1965, Chugiak. Wife: Barbara Marian Dadd.
- SPRINGER, HAROLD E.—North Indiana; 1941, Supplied Center Union Circuit; 1942, Griffin-Locust. Ohio: 1943, Trinity (Catawba); Trial 1945; Full Connection 1947; 1946, East Liberty; 1949, Director of Public Relations, White Cross Hospital (Columbus); 1955, At School, Northwestern University; 1956, Presbyterian-St. Luke's Hospital (Chicago); 1958, Administrator, Memorial Community Hospital (Edgerton, Wis.); 1959, Hospital Business Administrator, Peoria State Hospital (Ill.). Alaska Mission: Alaska Methodist University, 1965, Business Manager.
- THOMPSON, JAMES HANEY—Trial 1955, West Wisconsin Conference; Full Connection 1957, Pacific Northwest Conference; Deacon 1955; Elder 1957; Springfield College (Mass.) 1951; Garrett Theological Seminary 1955. 1955, Pacific Northwest Conference-Skyway; 1955, Washington State Penitentiary (Chaplain); 1961, Orofino, Idaho; 1966, Alaska Mission, Homer. Wife: Mary Elizabeth McGeoch. Children: Fred Wayne b. 5-10-52; Richard Lyle b. 1-15-56; Carol Lynn b. 12-12-58.
- TINDELL, JOHN R.—Trial 1959, Florida; Full Connection 1963, Florida; Deacon 1959; Elder 1963; Student, Candler School of Theology, 1959; Miramar, Florida 1961; Student, University of Edinburgh 1964; Alaska Mission, Sitka 1964. Wife: Beryl Louise Insinger. Children: Raymond Sidney b. 3-29-60; Cynthia Adair b. 5-13-63.
- TRUDEAU, WILLIAM GEORGE — Trial 1965, Detroit Conference; Deacon 1965; Adrian College 1964; Perkins School of Theology 1968; 1967, Wesley Foundation, Ohio State University; 1968, Alaska Mission: Douglas, 1968. Wife: Danita Elaine Nelson.
- WALTERS, EUGENE—Trial 1954, Oregon; Full Connection 1956, Oregon; Deacon 1954; Elder 1956; Willamette University, 1952; School of Theology, Drew University 1955. 1953, Newark Conference, Jersey City, Linden Avenue; 1956, Oregon Conference, Portland, Vermont Hills; 1964, Alaska Mission, Associate Fairbanks First and Wesley Foundation Director; 1967, Anchorage First. Wife: Carolann. Children: Daniel Eugene b. 10-10-55; Steven Ernest b. 12-30-56; Jeannine Ruth b. 4-11-58.

WALTHER, JOHN HENRY — Trial 1962, Baltimore Conference; Full Connection 1964; Deacon 1962; Elder 1964. Attended American University 1935-1937; George Washington University, U.S.C.; Graduated American University 1961; Wesley Theological Seminary 1964; Solley 1963; Melville Chapel—Harwood Park 1964-1966; Mt. Vernon 1966-1968; 1968, Alaska Mission, Kenai Parish, Soldotna-Tustumena. Wife: Clara Mae Tarbett. Children: Martin David b. 10-18-52; John Ralph b. 4-28-54; Barbara Jean b. 7-30-55.

WARNER, WALTER R.—Trial 1929, Oregon, Brooks - Donald; 1930, Falls City-Oak Grove; 1932, Full Connection, Wasco - Grass Valley; 1934, in school; Troy Conference, 1938, Erie; 1943, Oregon; 1948, Madras - Metolius; 1951, Coos Bay; 1958, Montavilla, Portland; 1966, Alaska Mission, Ketchikan. Wife: Ruth Barnes. Children: James H. b. 9-7-37; Richard H. b. 9-14-39; Ann L. b. 9-9-45.

## APPOINTMENTS 1968-1969

Superintendent .....	Meredith A. Groves	(5)	1964
Executive Secretary, Bd. of Education .....	Walter L. Hays, Jr.	(6)	1963
CHARGE	MINISTER	Year in Charge	Year in Mission
<b>Anchorage:</b>			
Anchor Park .....	Leo C. Cramer	(4)	1963
East Anchorage .....	Max Cramer	(3)	1966
First .....	Eugene Walters	(2)	1964
First Associate, Girdwood .....	Donald Hartman	(3)	1966
St. John, Hope .....	Howard L. DeVore	(3)	1962
Turnagain .....	Charles Horner	(5)	1964
Chugiak .....	John J. Shaffer	(4)	1962
<b>Fairbanks</b>			
First .....	David K. Fison	(3)	1960
First Assoc., Wesley Foundation .....	L. Eugene Groves	(2)	1963
<b>Homer, Anchor Point, Seldovia and</b>			
Ninilchik .....	James H. Thompson	(3)	1966
<b>Juneau and Douglas Larger Parish:</b>			
Douglas .....	William G. Trudeau	(1)	1968
Juneau .....	Thomas H. Dahl	(3)	1964
<b>Kenai Parish:</b>			
Kenai - North Kenai .....	Robert Nelson	(4)	1965
Soldotna - Tustumena .....	John H. Walther	(1)	1968
Ketchikan .....	Walter Warner	(2)	1966
Nome .....	Ernest H. Jones	(1)	1963
Seward, Moose Pass and Cooper Landing .....	Robert D. Bowers	(2)	1967
Sitka .....	John R. Tindell	(4)	1965

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### SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS (Without Annuity Claim)

President, AMU .....	Fred P. McGinnis	(9)	1950
Director of Development, AMU .....	P. Gordon Gould	(4)	1950
Chaplain & Prof. of Religion, AMU .....	Richard R. Gay	(9)	1961
Business Manager, AMU .....	Harold Springer	(5)	1964
Supt., Jesse Lee Home .....	Richard Gilbert	(4)	1965
Deaconess, Jesse Lee Home .....	Jean Morgan	(8)	1961
	Cynthia Brooks	(4)	1965

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